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## ORR Drama Club Presents “Elf the Musical”

“Elf the Musical” is a modern-day classic of screen and stage. A colorful heartwarming comedy that features non-stop action, memorable tunes, and child-like wisdom, “Elf the Musical” tells the story of Buddy, an orphaned boy who crawls into Santa’s sleigh-bag and is accidentally transported back to the North Pole. When the cheerful elf community sees the toddler emerge, they name him Buddy, after the brand name on his diaper. A kindly bachelor-elf adopts the new arrival.

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The true meaning of the season is revealed through the love, family, and friendship Buddy earns as he navigates a new world he has adopted – even if just for a time.

Laugh, cry, and sing along to “Elf the Musical” performed by the Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club. Shows sell out regularly, so get your tickets now!

Show dates and times are **December 5 and 6 at 7:00 pm, December 7 at 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm, and December 8 at 2:00 pm.**

The Saturday, **December 7, at 12:30 pm** and Sunday, **December 8, at 2:00 pm** shows are our “Santa Matinees” and will conclude with a visit from Santa for a meet and greet and photo opportunities.

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***On the Cover:** Make way for Buddy the Elf! – Our newest favorite elf has made his way to the Tri-Town in the ORRHs Drama Club’s Christmas production of Elf the Musical. Opening night is Thursday, December 5, with shows and special “Santa Matinees” running until Sunday, December 8. Pictured here, Buddy, played by Andrew Steele, is ecstatic to have found his estranged and rather grumpy human birth father, Walter Hobbs, played by Luke Cuoto. Photo by Jean Perry*

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The cast features Andrew Steele (as Buddy the Elf), Brianna Lynch (as Jovie), Luke Couto, Sarah Melloni, Kate Marsden, Bethany Cabral, Owen Shaughnessy, Mason Tucker, Ryu Huynh-Aoyama, Aiden Harrington, Tyler Trudeau, Kinsley Trout, Emma Vivino, Bella Hunter, and Emma Williamson. They are supported by a talented ensemble cast of approximately 50 student performers.

“Elf the Musical” is based on the book by Thomas Meehan and Bob Martin. Music by Matthew Skylar. Lyrics by Chad Beguelin. Based on the New Line Cinema film written by Berenbaum. “Elf the Musical” is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

## The Non-Blasphemy of Book Art

By Jean Perry

The library is to a book, like a museum is to a work of art. In the library, books are cataloged, placed

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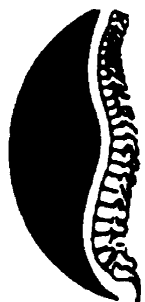
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upon shelves with care, gently opened, adored and essentially worshipped as the relics of the history of human storytelling they are. Which is why it seemed blasphemously counterintuitive to watch a handful of women in a room at the back of the Elizabeth Taber Library taking scissors to books and appearing to be torturing their pages with threaded needles, hole punchers, and globs of glue.



Leading this small group of seeming book sadists on the evening of Tuesday, December 3, was Marion resident and artist Jessica Harris. The event was called "Book Crafts for Adults," and it was part of the library's diverse winter programming lineup. However, at the top of the agenda wasn't the butchering of books with implements of destruction; these women were there to create.

The spread of craft paper, ribbons, clips, lace, bags of fabric scraps, scissors, glue bottles, and piles of textured paper products across the table was the artistic equivalent of the Big Bang.

The great artist Pablo Picasso once said: "Every act of creation begins with an act of destruction." And when making unique book art out of recycling books, a book must die before a new one can be born.

"The really great thing about book art is that it's really accessible and anyone can do it," said Harris.

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Many of the finished books Harris brought with her were holiday-themed, like elaborate Christmas cards of sorts. Others had a vintage feel to them, an air of whimsy, and the spirit of having been handmade simply for the sake of making art.

"There's no rules," said Harris, guiding the participants as they selected bits and bobs for their creations unfolding before them. "That's the beautiful

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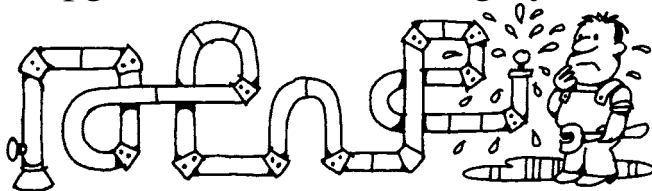
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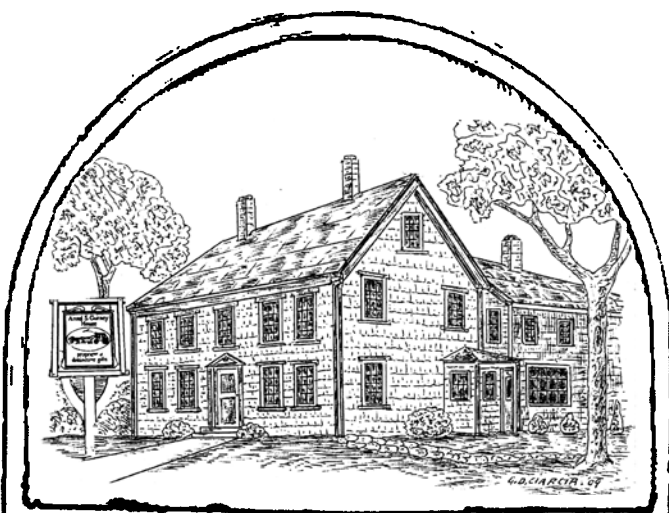
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thing about this; it can be anything you want it to be."

The art book concept isn't something Harris suddenly one day thought up, she said.

"It was kind of an evolution, I guess, of things," said Harris.

Harris volunteered her time to the library event and brought with her an abundance of supplies that she donated for the occasion. Much of what she had with her, one participant pointed out, people might think one would want to throw away – but like Harris says, anything can be used as materials in an art book. She sometimes even saves the envelopes she receives in her junk mail.

"There's a whole 'junk journal' community out there," said Harris.

Harris spent the rest of the evening demonstrating how to make a "pamphlet stitch," a "floating spine," and helped troubleshoot as questions came up.

Next at the Taber Library is Harry Potter drop-in crafts on December 11-12, which is an all-day activity open to all.

On December 19 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm, come to the library for a holiday cookie swap. Bring two-dozen cookies and a recipe to share to create a tasty grab bag of holiday cookies for the house or for a gift.

On December 31, the library will host a special New Year's Eve party for the younger kids who can't stay up late enough for the official countdown. The



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The Elizabeth Taber Library is located at 8 Spring Street in the center of Marion.

### Area Sees First Significant Snow of the Season

The area's first wintry storm was off to a slippery start on Sunday, December 1, and then concluded on Tuesday, December 3, with more snow that prompted the closure of Tri-Town schools and the Mattapoisett Town Hall and Senior Center.

The snowy start soon switched over to a wintry mix and eventually rain as temperatures started to climb

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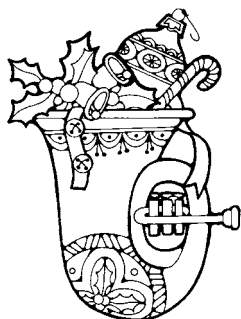
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in the evening hours of Sunday. A steady rain with wind persisted for the duration of the night Sunday and settled into somewhat of a lull on Monday as Winter Storm Ezekiel took its time after a slow and crippling crawl across the country before its northeastern arrival.

The switch back to snow happened around 10:00 pm Monday night while temperatures plummeted and lasted into Tuesday afternoon, dumping a rather unexpected range of 4-8 inches across the Tri-Town before heading out to sea Tuesday afternoon.

There were numerous emergency calls for cars that had slid off the road, but no widespread power outages in our area.

Other parts of the state received between 8-20 feet

of snow, with Worcester County exceeding 2 feet in some towns.

## Santa Sightings in the Tri-Town

Jolly old Saint Nick has a busy weekend ahead of him with a number of back-to-back Tri-Town events where Santa (with some events accompanied by Mrs. Claus) will make appearances to spread the spirit of Christmas and listen well to what our Tri-Town kiddies want most this holiday season.

We don't want you to have to search high and low for Santa, so here is a compilation of the Santa sightings on our Tri-Town radar so that no child has to miss out on the fun!

On Saturday, **December 7**, the Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club will be putting on one of its "Santa Matinees" of its holiday production, "Elf the Musical".

The show begins at 12:30 pm and will conclude with a visit from Santa himself for a meet-and-greet with the kids. Parents, bring your iPhones because this will be the perfect photo opportunity for your kids' annual holiday portrait with Santa.

Also on Saturday, the annual "Santa Run" 5k race will feature hundreds of 'Santas' running through the village streets of Mattapoisett, a sight you won't want to miss! The "Youth Elves Run" fun run (for ages 13 and under) starts at 12:30 pm, and the Santa Run 5k (14 and

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The Santa Run has historically been held in Downtown New Bedford, but was relocated to Mattapoisett this year. Some of the proceeds of the race will be donated to the American Legion.

On Sunday, **December 8**, Santa's first stop during his busiest day in the Tri-Town will be at the Rochester Senior Center on Dexter Lane for the annual Breakfast with Santa Claus sponsored by the Rochester Lions Club. The event is from 8:00 am to 11:00 am and a full breakfast menu will be offered, along with holiday crafts, games, and cookie decorating. The Lions suggest a \$5 donation for photos with Santa.

Then it's a mad dash over to Marion where Santa will arrive at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center on Mill Road for lunch at the Marion Police Brotherhood's annual Pizza with Santa from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The Police Brotherhood will be accepting new unwrapped toys for its "Fill a Cruiser" toy drive to provide gifts for area children in foster care and adoption services under the Justice Resources Institute.

At 2:00 pm is another Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club "Santa Matinee" of its holiday production *Elf the Musical!* Come for the show, stay for the Santa photo op!

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From there, Santa will board his horse-drawn carriage for a parade through the village and offer carriage rides throughout the afternoon. Front Street will be closed off to traffic and filled with the sights, sounds, and smells of the holiday season with local businesses offering free hot drinks and food, and the Sippican School Band will provide the holiday tunes. Be sure to watch for Grinch sightings, too! The event is from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm and will conclude with the tree lighting at Bicentennial Park at the corner of Main Street and Spring Street.

On Monday, **December 9**, the Town of Rochester hosts its annual Tree Lighting on the Rochester Green in front of Town Hall at 6:30 pm. Come and enjoy the holiday music provided by the Rochester Memorial School band and Chorus and witness the spectacle of Santa's grandiose arrival via fire engine.

Cookies and hot drinks will then be served inside the Town Hall meeting room after the lighting of the tree.

After a well-deserved rest, Santa will be back with his annual appearance at the Mattapoisett Holiday in the Park on Saturday, **December 14**, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Local restaurants will be inside the big tent ready to serve the crowd heaps of free fresh food and hot drinks, and The Showstoppers will be gathered beneath the gazebo singing plenty of holiday hits.

We can't imagine a more festive setting for the holidays than right here in the Tri-Town. *The Wanderer* will be out and about at all of these events, so be sure to smile for the camera when we point it in your direction!

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in the Marion Art Center's production of *Emmalina Scrooge*.

Emmalina Scrooge, played by Zoe Pateakos, hates Christmas. She's even nastier than Ebenezer ever was. "Boy, I thought I was bad," her great-great-grandfather declares after he visits her with a warning on Christmas Eve.

Emmalina's reason for being so miserable is very different than Ebenezer's, but he still has his hands full with her. Ebenezer manages to impress himself while summoning cracks of thunder and pealing bells, but he's not able to impress Emmalina, who rolls her eyes at his warnings and goes back to bed. Defeated, he calls in three ghosts: Emmalina's sister, Jaime (Christmas Past), *A Christmas Carol* author Charles Dickens (Christmas Present), and the mysterious Ghost of Christmas Future.

Jaime, as it turns out, has been keeping tabs on her sister from the afterlife. "You were such a nice kid," she tells Emmalina with a raised eyebrow. "Now look at you. When was the last time you did anything nice for anyone?"

Happy as Emmalina is to see her sister, she doesn't heed her sister's warnings. Thinking back on a recent Christmas party featuring a piñata, she points out, "I could've hit someone with a baseball bat, but I didn't."

The Ghost of Christmas Present, too, tries to solve Emmalina's woe, but finds very little interest on her part. Dickens takes Emmalina to an orphanage on





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Christmas Eve, where he points out just how much Emmalina has to be thankful for, and what she could do to help others.

Even the plight of orphans can't warm Emmalina's stone heart, though. Unruffled, she rebuffs Dickens' attempts to reason with her and goes back to bed. "Don't let the

door hit you in the butt on the way out," she tells him. "And get the lights!"

In the end, it's up to the Ghost of Christmas Present to convince Emmalina to change. Getting through to her might be too big of a challenge, even for that particular ghost, though.

*Emmalina Scrooge* was written by Cape Cod-based playwright Steph DeFerie, who joined the MAC's young cast via a Skype call to talk about the play on the night of



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Monday, December 2. When asked how long it took her to write the play, she estimated that it took about six months. "Not too long," she added with a laugh.

She gave the cast some words of advice before performances begin: "First of all, it's supposed to be fun, so have fun!" she told them. "If you forget your lines, just keep talking. After all, the audience doesn't have a script. They won't know!"

*Emmalina Scrooge* will be performed at the Marion Art Center on December 6 and 7, as well as December 13-15. All Friday and Saturday shows begin at 7:30 pm, while the Sunday matinee begins at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$18 for MAC members, \$20 for non-members, and \$12 for children under 12. Tickets can be purchased in person at the Marion Art Center, over the phone, or online. Visit [marionartcenter.org](http://marionartcenter.org) for more information.


### **Town Must Cut Funding for Rochester Country Fair**

*Rochester Board of Selectmen*

**By Jean Perry**

These have certainly been trying times for the Rochester Country Fair, a 20-years-long tradition to which its success rests solely on the right atmospheric conditions to draw the big crowds to the all-outdoor event. After this year's country fair was cut short due to the Eastern Equine Encephalitis threat and a curfew restricting events on town land to daylight hours, the country fair took a

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major financial hit this year.

On December 2 during the meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen, Kelly Morgado of the RCF Board of Directors learned that the country fair is facing another financial hit now that the RCF has recently changed its status from a town entity to a non-profit 501(c)(3), making it ineligible to receive funding from the annual \$10,000 donation SEMASS gives to the town to help pay for town/community projects.

The RCF had historically received \$5,000 of the \$10,000 in SEMASS funds each year, but in 2019 was already reduced to \$4,000.

The RCF is no longer eligible for town funding due to the "anti-aid amendment" to the Massachusetts Constitution, which prohibits public funds or property from being given to private organizations or charities.

The Town of Rochester recently used the anti-aid amendment as its reason for not funding a Town Meeting article submitted by another non-profit non-government organization (NGO).

Morgado said that when the conversation first arose in September about the RCF separating from the town to form its own NGO, she was concerned about whether the fair could still receive the donation money it had relied upon for years.

"The town can't give money to a non-profit," said Town Administrator Suzanne Szyndlar.

"Now, I think the fair falls into the [same]

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category as the Friends of the Library, the Boy Scouts... Those are all 501(c)(3)s," said Selectman Greenwood "Woody" Hartley, "and we don't give money to them. So, we either give it to everybody... We need to think about it."

According to Morgado, she was told that it would not be a problem receiving the funds during a September RCF "wrap-up" meeting with the Board of Selectmen, she claimed.

None of the selectmen recalled ever having a conversation about SEMASS donation money with Morgado during a prior meeting.

Without the funding, Morgado said as she got up to leave, "That'll be interesting..."

Earlier, Morgado requested to use the fairgrounds for 10 days to hold 10 fundraisers throughout the months leading up to the country fair, which will be held this year for two days only: August 8-9 during daylight hours only.

The state expects another summer of elevated EEE risk.

"The past three years have been pretty disastrous for the fair," said Morgado in her request for approval of the 10 fundraiser days.

The selectmen approved the use of the fairgrounds for the two country fair days only, and held off on approving the 10 fundraiser days.

Hartley asked Morgado if she had asked the Pine Street neighbors if they would mind the 10 fundraiser

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events, which would include one or two hot modified tractor pulls in addition to the usual antique tractor pulls. She said that she did send a letter to the surrounding neighbors to inform them.

"Positive feedback (from neighbors) will make it easier for us to say yes," said Hartley.

Also during the meeting, Mark Wellington, a member of the local 501(c)(3) Rochester Affordable Housing, Inc. appeared with a summary of six town-owned properties that would be appropriate as a site for an affordable housing development for seniors, and asked the board to transfer a piece of town property over to the non-profit for that specific use.

Ironically, one such piece of land is the town-

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owned Pine Street fairgrounds, the site of the annual Rochester Country Fair.

"We're turning the material over to you gentlemen and we're hoping that you can help us," said Wellington. "In order for us to really get going, we need a piece of land.

"Right now we don't have anything to start with," continued Wellington. "We're really hoping that you folks can help us out."

The board took the matter under advisement to bring up again during its January 20 meeting.

During a follow-up after the meeting, Szyndlar explained to *The Wanderer* how the anti-aid amendment that applies to the RCF does not apply to Rochester Affordable Housing, Inc.'s request for town property.

According to Szyndlar, the town is working with town counsel to carve out a legal avenue to accommodate the land request, such as a land auction with a restriction that the land must be used for affordable senior housing.

Also during the meeting, the board recognized Firefighter/Paramedic Jessica Vinjerud and Firefighter/EMT Andrew Weigel for each receiving a Norman Knight Award for Excellence in Community Service at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Firefighter of the Year Awards in Worcester on November 26 presented by Governor Charlie Baker.

Chief Weigel said he nominated the two because of their work in coordinating the New England Brotherhood Ride.

"That was quite an honor," said Firefighter Weigel, "and it's great to be part of this little town."

In other business, the board voted to set the January 1, 2020 beach sticker price at \$20 – free for citizens over age 70, and the transfer station sticker was set at \$40; \$30 for over age 70.

The board renewed the annual alcohol, Class II, Class III, Range, and Automatic Amusement licenses in Rochester.

Christina White was appointed to the Agricultural Commission, bringing the total number of members to four – a quorum, which now allows the commission to officially begin meeting.

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### Beach Stickers Restricted to Residents

Marion Board of Selectmen

By Andrea Ray

Rates for Marion's beach privilege sticker have been officially set at \$10, members of Marion's Board of Selectmen decided on Tuesday, December 3.

The stickers, which cover access to (and parking at) Silvershell Beach, have been separated this year from transfer station stickers, which will be issued separately. One beach sticker per residence will be permitted, and property owners will have the option to purchase a guest pass for long-term renters as well, explained Harbormaster Office Administrative Assistant Donna Hemphill.

Hemphill noted that short-term renters – defined as those renting a house for vacation purposes – would not be allowed to use a beach sticker. They will have the chance to purchase a \$10 daily pass, although there will be a cap on the number of daily passes available.

Marion residents above the age of 70 will also be allowed one free beach sticker, according to the town's website.

The stickers will go into effect on January 1, 2020. Hemphill said that she hoped to begin selling them on December 17. Further information, she added, will soon



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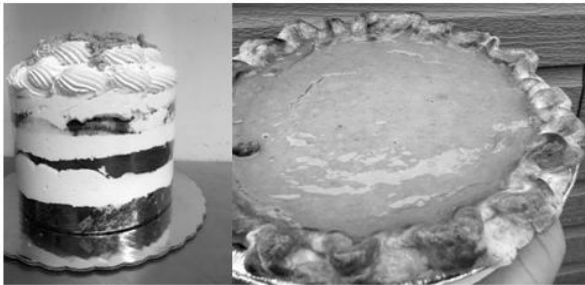
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Marion Town Administrator Jay McGrail added that he and Hemphill had looked into offering "non-resident stickers" for members of neighboring communities. Ultimately, McGrail advised against it.

"When we did the research, the only towns offering non-resident beach stickers were towns that had more than one beach," McGrail explained. "With one beach and limited parking, I think that would be more stress than Silvershell could handle."

"When I mentioned the idea of non-resident stickers, I wasn't thinking of the beach, but of parking," explained Selectman John Waterman. "There are a few non-residents working in town, and they can't park at Old Landing or Island Wharf as far as I know."

"That's something we can do," said McGrail. "We can maybe add a non-resident parking sticker and get back to you with ideas on that."

"We have limited parking," pointed out Selectmen Chairman Randy Parker. "We'd have to be careful on how we distribute those stickers."

"I don't think there would be a ton of demand, except maybe for Tabor games," Waterman reasoned. "We could ask for proof of town employment or something."

McGrail said he and Hemphill would do further research and return with ideas at a future Board of Selectmen meeting.

Also during the meeting, the selectmen learned

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that long-time Marion police officer Anthony DiCarlo is resigning. Though the board members reacted with surprise, DiCarlo is leaving for an excellent opportunity; he will be joining the Massachusetts State Police.

"Oh, excellent!" Parker said, upon hearing the news.

DiCarlo's resignation will leave a vacant position in the Marion Police Department for Chief John Garcia to fill.

In other business, Kate's Simple Eats owner Kate Ross came before the board seeking an alteration of premises. However, as she pointed out, the request was simply an amendment to the cafe's liquor license, rather than an alteration to the actual premises.

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"When I got the liquor license three or four years ago," owner Kate Ross explained, "I got the liquor license to cover the back area of the store and the patio. Now the cafe has expanded into more of the building, so I need to alter the liquor license to reflect that."

Ross's request was granted unanimously by the selectmen.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen will be held on Tuesday, December 17, at 7:00 pm at the Marion Town House.

## Cougars Prepare for State Vocational Championship

*High School Sports Update*

**By Nick Friar**

Somehow, Old Colony football is heading into uncharted, yet strangely familiar territory.

While the idea might seem a bit convoluted, it's rather simple.

For the first time in program history, the Cougars will play for the State Vocational Championship on Thursday. The farthest they've made it in the State Vocational tournament was in 2016, when they made it to the semi-finals.

The familiar part about Thursday's contest is Old Colony's opponent. This will be game 13 for Old Colony this season, yet they'll have only played nine teams in 2019. Furthermore, over their last seven games, including the State Vocational Championship, the Cougars will have only played three teams.

"We've never played multiple teams twice in the same season," Old Colony head coach Brandon Mendez said. "Never one team three times [either]."

Old Colony has faced Upper Cape and Tri-County two times each, knocking off the Rams in the regular season and the opening round of the MIAA Division 6 South Sectional tournament, and the Tri-County Cougars in the semi-finals of the State Vocational tournament.

Tri-County also beat Old Colony in overtime on Thanksgiving Eve.

Old Colony's prior two losses came at the hands

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of the same team, the same one they're slated to face in the State Vocational Championship: South Shore.

"The one nut we haven't cracked yet is South Shore," Mendez said. "[This is] obviously a nice chance to get at them."

In addition to a title and finally beating a South Shore team that's beaten Old Colony twice, the Cougars would also get a chance to log the first double-digit win season in program history. Both the win total and State Vocational title are only made more impressive by the fact that the Mayflower Small Vocational Division had four of its five teams make the playoffs.

"It's good for our league," Mendez said. "It's been a tough league. For us, being competitive through that

was great. It's kind of what we've done. We still got our eyes on one more though.

"Our kids' attitude is that they're proud of what they've done so far," Mendez continued, "but they're so hungry to get the Vocational title that I don't think that it's even set in yet that they are where they are."

The old sports cliché, "It's hard to beat the same team three times," plays into the Cougars' advantage this time. But that's not something Mendez or his players will read into. They've reassessed everything and understand what they need to do to finally get the better of the Vikings.

"I think we got to execute better. The first two times we played them we had some costly mistakes that really – one game was [decided] by a point, second game was by a touchdown," Mendez said. "In each game, we had the ball late in the game with the chance to go ahead and we didn't succeed. To me, it's prepare for another dogfight and we have to execute better.

"We got a few ideas of ways we can be a little bit better," he continued. "And I think a lot of it came down to being a little bit tougher upfront. [South Shore has] been the toughest team in the interior we've played all year. I think that's been the difference. We've rested on our laurels a few times with our lineman being very, very good. Now that we're up against a line that's just as good, we got to execute a little bit better upfront to get over the hump."

The Cougars will be put to the test this week on Thursday at 6:00 pm at Norwell.

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commissioned an architectural survey of Marion's historic homes and buildings. The survey was funded half by the Sippican Historical Society and half by the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Due to the limits of funding, not all of the historic buildings were surveyed, but over 100 were cataloged and photographed. The results of the survey are in digital form on the Massachusetts Historical Commission's website and in four binders in the Sippican Historical Society's office (and at the Marion Town Clerk's office).

Marion (Old Rochester) is one of the oldest towns in the United States, and the Sippican Historical Society maintains an extensive collection of documentation on its historic buildings. The Sippican Historical Society

will feature one building a week so that the residents of Marion can understand more about its unique historical architecture.

This installment features 7 South Street. The homes on South Street have more ample lots and were built slightly later than those on Main Street. The clapboard house at 7 South Street was built in 1866 by Lemuel Kelley. Its style is a blend of Greek Revival and Italianate. The story is told that Lemuel Kelley hoped to marry Jane Luce, but she married a member of the Cobb family and lived across the street. Lemuel Kelley, therefore, never lived in this house. By 1879, W. Pomeroy owned this house. It was owned in the early 1900s by Miss C.A. Pomeroy.



### Elizabeth Taber Library Holiday Events

Celebrate the Holidays with the Elizabeth Taber Library.

Winter Mini Book Sale: Friday and Saturday, **December 6 and 7**, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Find books, ornaments, and more, just in time for the holidays! Gift wrapping will be available for purchased items for an additional donation of \$2. Proceeds will benefit the Elizabeth Taber Library.

Harry Potter Drop-in Crafts: Wednesday, **December 11**, all day. Come to the library to create Harry Potter themed ornaments. All ages are welcome!

Holiday Cookie Swap: Thursday, **December 19** from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Bring cookies (two dozen recommended) and a recipe to share to create a delicious grab bag of holiday treats. Sign up at the library.

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All programs are free and open to the public. If special accommodations are needed, please contact the library at 508-758-4171 for assistance.

### SLT Open House

Come celebrate 45 years of land conservation in Marion with the Sippican Lands Trust (SLT) at its Holiday Open House on Thursday, **December 5** from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at 173 Spring Street in Marion.

Bring a guest or two and learn more about the work of the Sippican Lands Trust including its new accessible boardwalk at Osprey Marsh and the volunteers, supporters, and friends who make this work happen.



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### Open Table

The next Open Table will be on Friday, **December 13** in Reynard Hall at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Rick LeBlanc will be there to play holiday music that everyone can sing along with. Doors open at 4:30 pm and supper is served at 5:00 pm. There is no charge for the meal, although donations are gratefully accepted. This is a community event and everyone is welcome.



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### A Reason to be Freezin'

Tabor Academy has once again signed up to plunge into the cold waters of Sippican Harbor on **December 15** in order to raise funds for Special Olympics MA. The plunge will take place at 11:15 am at Silvershell Beach in Marion and the students invite everyone to jump in with them!

The students are attempting to raise \$4,000 for Special Olympics in this effort to help support the athletes they have enjoyed playing with over the last four years of



their involvement with Special Olympics MA. From their morning of School Day Games to their Sunday morning Young Athletes Program and Basketball Tournament during the winter months, the students at Tabor have embraced this cause. They welcome you to join them in the fun of supporting Special Olympics.

Registration opens at Silvershell Beach in Marion at 10:00 am and then we will take the chilly leap together into the harbor at 11:15 am. Marion's first responders are on hand for safety, and there is a warming tent with snacks. Bring a towel and a change of clothes and join the fun... or just come for the spectacle!

Grab your thrill-seeking friends and family, create a plunge team, and start fundraising! Those who fundraise \$100 or more will receive a limited-edition Tabor Academy Polar Plunge long-sleeve shirt. To contribute or to sign up in advance, please visit the webpage here: <https://bit.ly/2KzlcLh>

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Tickets are on sale now and are \$18 for MAC members, \$20 for nonmember, and just \$12 for children 12 and under. Purchase tickets online at [marionartcenter.org/events/emmalina-scrooge](http://marionartcenter.org/events/emmalina-scrooge)

Holiday Stroll - The Marion Art Center will give away free hand-dipped chocolate pretzels during the Marion Holiday Stroll again this year, on Sunday, **December 8** from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. The make-your-own-chocolate-dripped-pretzel stations will be set up in front

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### Lessons & Carols at Tabor Academy

On **December 15** at 7:30 pm, Tabor Academy will once again host their annual traditional Lessons and Carols Service. This traditional holiday concert of Christmas choral music, enjoyed by the Tabor community and the public for decades, will take place in Wickenden Chapel, 86 Spring Street, Marion, MA. The event is free and open to the public. The event will be live-streamed



on the Tabor Academy Facebook page as well.

The Festival of Lesson and Carols is a time-honored tradition of nine lessons

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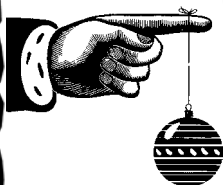
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The same law applies to cats but some people prefer 1 year rabies shot in cats as a 3 year vaccines contain a substance that can cause cancer at the vaccination site in a very small percentage of cats. Again, talk to your vet about your preferences.

You can contact Dr. Gould at 508-758-6400 or visit our website at [MattapoisettAH.com](http://MattapoisettAH.com)

same location, Accessible Community Room Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 5 Barstow Street Mattapoisett, 02739

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## Sippican Woman's Club's Holiday House Tour

The Sippican Woman's Club Holiday House Tour, themed "A Simple Holiday" in Marion will be held on Saturday, **December 14**, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. This is a yearly event, held for over 30 years, and the proceeds of which go to scholarships for Marion students pursuing a bachelor's degree. The Tour begins in Handy's Tavern, 152 Front Street, which has been delightfully decorated and will be serving wassail. If you haven't already purchased tickets, they can be bought at the Tavern. Tour maps and program are exchanged for the tickets. Every participant will get a wrist band that will be their admission to the houses and Tea.

To purchase tickets in advance (\$20 in advance, \$25 day of tour), they are available at the Marion General Store, Serendipity in Marion, or Isabelle's at the Ropewalk in Mattapoisett. Tickets may also be bought on-line, by going to the website, [www.sippicanwomansclub.org](http://www.sippicanwomansclub.org), select Holiday House Tour Tickets, add the number of tickets you are purchasing and proceed to the cart, then proceed to checkout. If your credit card / debit card is not in your name, please provide your name in the "order

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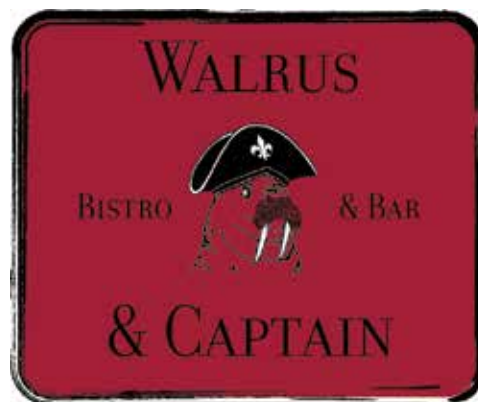
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It's a very busy day in Marion during the Holiday House Tour. The main event, of course, is viewing the beautiful homes in Marion, decorated by professional florists and homeowners. At 2:00 pm, everyone will be ready to sit down at the traditional Holiday Tea, held at St. Gabriel's Fellowship Hall, South Street, held from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. There in the warm holiday ambiance, you will find elegantly served tea, coffee, finger sandwiches, and sweets.

There is a special, surprise venue this year, the Beverly Yacht Club will be open from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Here's an opportunity to view the scenic waterfront from Marion's world-renowned private sailing club. Decorated and welcoming, enjoy a beverage from the cash bar or a complimentary cup of tea or coffee. BYC members will share info about the 1806 clubhouse as well as its many racing programs.

There are other events about town, not to be forgotten. The Marion Garden Group will have their Holiday Boutique at the Marion Music Hall on Front Street from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Arrive early as they sell out quickly. The Marion Art Center, 80 Pleasant Street, will be decorated for holidays and featuring "Small Works on the Wall", originals by 20 artists for immediate purchase. Their holiday shop offers a curated boutique of beautiful handmade items. Be sure to admire the many renovations, too. The Elizabeth Taber Library, 8 Spring Street, has a stunning new courtyard and entrance to be admired. Bring the children to enjoy a seasonal craft project. The 2019 ornaments, available to purchase were crafted by McDermott Glass Studio. As in many previous years, the First Congregational Church will hold a luncheon from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in the Community Center. It will include their famous hot chicken salad, cranberry compote, etc. (\$10). There is also the Cookie Walk, where homemade cookies boxed for the season (\$10/dozen) are sold.

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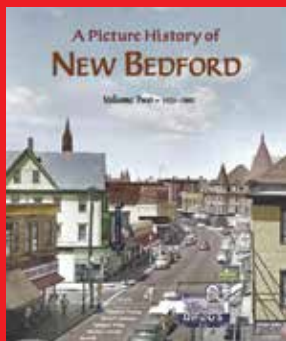
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SRPEDD is holding two public meetings to present and discuss the future traffic analysis and potential roadway improvement alternatives for the Route 6 Corridor and to gather feedback. Anyone with experience traveling this corridor, and particularly the residents and business owners in the area, are invited to either of these public meetings to share information and experiences, ask questions and to express their opinions on their vision of Route 6. Both meetings will have the same content. Simply attend the one that fits your schedule better!

The meeting dates and times are as follows:

Thursday, **December 12** from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Center Elementary School. The school is located at 17 Barstow Street in Mattapoisett.

Wednesday, **December 18** from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Sippican Elementary School. The school is located at 16 Spring Street in Marion.

Please note that all meeting locations are accessible to persons with disabilities. The Center School and Sippican School are served by the GATRA Wareham-New Bedford Connection.

### View the "King of Meteor Showers"

Join the Buzzards Bay Coalition to look out for the Geminid meteor shower, sometimes called the "king" of meteor showers, at The Bogs (138 Acushnet Rd., Mattapoisett) on Friday, **December 13** from 8:00 to 10:00 pm.

Far away from the city lights, the 500-acre Mattapoisett River Reserve offers visitors a dark, expansive sky to view this exciting astronomical event.

To RSVP for this free event, visit [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events/geminid-meteor-shower-viewing-dec-13-2019/](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events/geminid-meteor-shower-viewing-dec-13-2019/) or contact the Buzzards Bay Coalition at (508) 999-6363 ext. 219.

This event is dependent on weather and cloud cover. Please check the event page and Facebook the morning of the program for any cancellations.

Dress warmly in multiple layers and bring a flashlight and a chair. Some warm beverages and snacks will be provided. Please remember that public properties are typically open from dawn until dusk – we've gotten special permission to host this event at night.

This walk is part of Discover Buzzards Bay, a

resource to find unique and exciting ways to explore the outdoors, get some exercise and connect with nature. Use Discover Buzzards Bay to get outside and discover woods, wetlands, and waterways from Fall River to Falmouth. To learn more, visit [savebuzzardsbay.org/discover](http://savebuzzardsbay.org/discover).

### Tri-County Symphonic Band

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the land, Town folks were gathering to hear the Tri-County Symphonic Band.

The Tri-County Symphonic Band, under the direction of Philip Sanborn, celebrates the festive holiday season with its annual Children's Christmas Concert, on Sunday, **December 8**, 1:30 pm at the Sippican School, 16 Spring St. Marion MA, in the Multi-Purpose Room. The concert is a wonderful family experience designed for all ages and is free of charge.

The Tri-County Symphonic Band will perform seasonal favorites including "Holiday Emblem", "Ding Dong! Merrily on High", "Wassail", "Frosty the Snowman", "March of the Toys" and "Troika".

A special part of this year's concert will feature the Sippican School Concert Choir, under the direction of Patricia Richard performing an energetic arrangement called "Jingle All the Way", a lovely setting of "Infant Holy" and a colorful rendition of "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree." The Concert Choir will also perform



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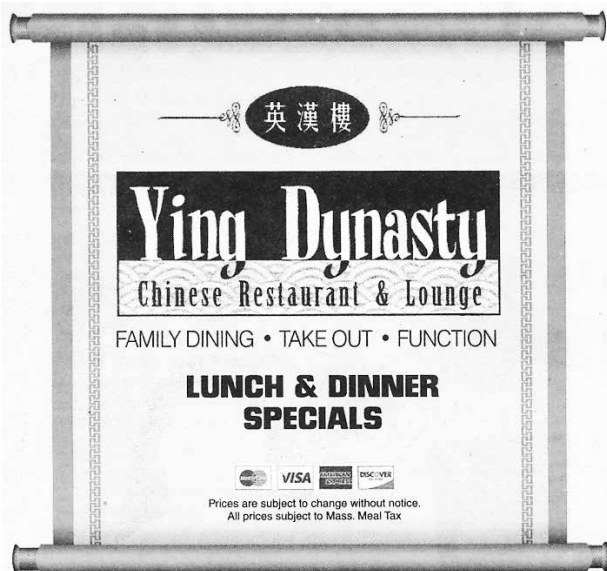
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The concert will conclude with a "Christmas Sing-a-long" featuring the Sippican School Concert Choir and special guests, followed by a volunteer community band called the "Cottage Street Jam Band", under the direction of Hannah Moore, leading a march from the Sippican School to Island Wharf to greet Santa as he arrives via "water sleigh".

As the band rounds the corner and jolly Santa's is in sight, He wishes peace to all and to all a good night.

## Emergency Preparedness

The Massachusetts Office on Disability, in partnership with the Mattapoisett Board of Health, is hosting an informational gathering for Mattapoisett residents who may need assistance in the event of severe winter weather or other emergency situations. Family members, caregivers, and First Responders are also welcome and encouraged to attend. Information and resources to help ensure personal safety and well-being will be provided. Pre-registered attendees will receive an "Emergency Go Pack" containing items that may be needed during an emergency. First Responders will receive Tips for First Responders, 5th edition. Light refreshments will be available.

The event, free of charge, will be held on Thursday, **December 12** from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Council on Aging (COA), 17 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Please register to attend by calling the COA at 508-758-4110.

Emergency preparedness meetings and events help strengthen community resilience and ensure the best outcome for all. We hope you will join us.

## Annual Tinkhamtown Chapel Christmas Carol Sing

The Tinkhamtown Chapel on Acushnet Road in Mattapoisett will hold its annual Christmas Carol Sing on Saturday, **December 21** at 5:00 pm. Join your friends and neighbors in singing the old favorites in a 19th-century chapel, lit by kerosene lamps. Children are encouraged to volunteer to perform a song or recitation, either as a solo or with members of the family, and to join in the children's chorus. For more information, email [peggsmom@gmail.com](mailto:peggsmom@gmail.com), or call 508-758-9559.

## Scouts Food Donations to Shepherd's Pantry

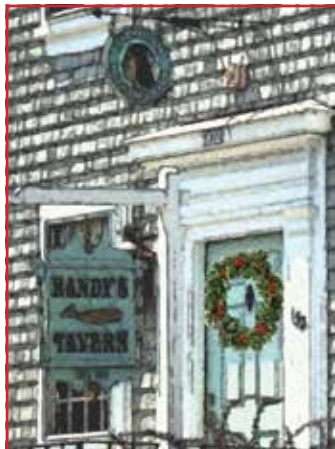
Rochester Troop 31 delivered food donations they have been collecting all month to Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet for Thanksgiving. November was Scouting for Food Month and Troop 31 Scouts and Leaders take

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## *Sippican Woman's Club Holiday House Tour and Tea* Saturday, December 14, 2019 • 10:00 am—4:00pm

*Tickets Pre-Tour: \$20.00—Tour Day: \$25.00*

*Complimentary Tea is served at the St. Gabriel's Church from 2—4  
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*Tour starts at Handy's Tavern (1812), 152 Front Street, Marion, MA., where  
you will pick up your tickets.*

*Tickets are also available by mailing a check to Sippican Woman's Club, P.O. Box 121,  
Marion MA 02738 or online at [www.sippicanwomansclub.org](http://www.sippicanwomansclub.org) under House Tour Tickets.*

this type of community service very seriously. This year they will be extending Scouting for Food to December as well! The Troop has been providing many years of annual support to local organizations such as the Rochester Lions Club, helping them pack holiday meal bags for tri-town seniors and families in need each November and December.

This year they decided to make an even greater impact in their intentions to help people with their efforts, by collecting food donations for the Shepherd's



Pantry located at the Long Plain United Methodist Church in Acushnet for Thanksgiving and Christmas, extending scouting for food month through December. An effort spearheaded by David Andrews, Troop Chaplain, leader, and scout father to Eagle Scout, Jacob Andrews, who are both dedicated members to both their scout troop and church congregation.

"It's amazing to see how much of a difference you can really make in peoples lives by providing food to those who have fallen

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on hard times," said Mr. Andrews. who has been a long-time volunteer at Shepherd's Pantry.

After collecting food throughout the month of November in a drop-box at the Plumb Memorial Library, scouts and leaders delivered the generous donations to Shepherd's Pantry where they were greeted by Darryl Gifford, Long Plain United Methodist Church Board of Directors Representative.

The Scouts were given a tour of the Pantry and learned that anyone in need is welcomed to stop by on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am to receive food. They are currently in great need of diapers and baby food, as well as, non-perishable food donations. Volunteer help during this time is also always sincerely welcomed.

Troop 31 will continue to collect food donations through Christmas time to continue their support the far-reaching efforts of Shepherd's Pantry, serving families from all over the area.

### Rochester Council on Aging

The full monthly newsletter and calendar are available on our website [www.rochestermaseniiorcenter.com](http://www.rochestermaseniiorcenter.com). Events and photographs are also posted on our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/Rochestercoa](http://www.facebook.com/Rochestercoa).

The Rochester Senior Center has a day trip to Wrentham Village for holiday shopping and lunch on Tuesday, **December 10**, and a trip to Jordon's Furniture to view the Enchanted Village (formerly housed at Filene's



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7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors  
8:00 AM Senior Moment  
8:30 AM Marijuana on Mental Health  
9:00 AM Your Yoga Moment  
9:30 AM Schvitz'n with Norm  
10:00 AM Tae Kwon Do  
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
11:00 AM Health Source  
11:30 AM Southcoast Matters TV  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
1:30 PM Legal Ease  
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
2:30 PM Neighborhoods to Nations  
3:00 PM Garage X  
4:00 PM The Human Truth  
5:00 PM Building the Future  
5:30 PM Registers Report  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM The Cinemaniacs!  
7:30 PM Beyond My Crisis  
8:00 PM Science 360  
8:30 PM Money Matters TV  
9:00 PM Learning Music with Pat  
9:30 PM Dukes of Sports  
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show  
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

### Friday December 6, 2019

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Health Source  
8:00 AM 30 Medical Minutes  
8:30 AM Tae Kwon Do  
9:00 AM Schvitz'n with Norm  
9:30 AM Cape Conversations  
10:00 AM Building the Future  
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
11:00 AM Fox Robbins Cape Cod Culinary Incubator (Part 1)  
11:30 AM Fox Robbins Cape Cod Culinary Incubator (Part 2)  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM The Cutting Board  
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
1:30 PM Perils for Pedestrians  
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
2:30 PM In the Toy Box  
3:00 PM Neighborhoods to Nations  
4:00 PM The Human Truth  
5:00 PM Classic-Drive TV  
5:30 PM Deutsche Welle  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
7:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk

8:00 PM Gay USA  
9:00 PM The Cinemaniacs!  
10:00 PM The Kamla Show  
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show  
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

### Saturday December 7, 2019

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoons  
9:00 AM What's New? Massachusetts  
9:30 AM Perils for Pedestrians  
10:00 AM Schvitz'n with Norm  
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
11:00 AM Southcoast Matters TV  
11:30 AM Lucy's World of Painting  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
1:30 PM The Kamla Show  
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
2:30 PM Off the Shelf  
3:00 PM Arts Alive  
3:30 PM Money Talk  
4:00 PM The Human Truth  
5:00 PM This is America & The World  
5:30 PM Deutsche Welle  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show  
7:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk  
8:00 PM Money Matters TV  
8:30 PM Sound Off  
9:30 PM Registers Report  
10:00 PM Two Tones with George Lopes  
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show  
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

### Sunday December 8, 2019

6:00 AM Veterans Voice  
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester - November 24, 2019  
10:00 AM Mind Matters  
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
11:00 AM Health Source  
11:30 AM Cape Conversation  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM Dropkick Kitchen  
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
1:30 PM The Kamla Show  
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
2:30 PM This is America & The World  
3:00 PM Armchair QB  
3:30 PM Perils for Pedestrians  
4:00 PM The Human Truth  
5:00 PM Dukes of Sports  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Neighborhoods to Nations  
7:40 PM The Steve Katsos Show  
8:30 PM The Cinemaniacs!  
9:30 PM Ghost Chronicles  
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show  
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

### Monday December 9, 2019

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors  
8:00 AM Health Talk  
8:30 AM Seniors on the Move  
9:00 AM Your Yoga Moment  
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do  
10:00 AM Schvitz'n with Norm  
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
11:00 AM Keep Talking  
11:30 AM Cape Conversations  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
1:30 PM Learning Music with Pat  
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2:30 PM Perils for Pedestrians  
3:00 PM Garage X  
3:30 PM Beyond My Crisis  
4:00 PM The Human Truth  
5:00 PM Classic-Drive TV  
5:30 PM Natasha - Addiction Treatment in Jail  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Off the Shelf  
7:00 PM The Cinemaniacs!  
8:00 PM Don't Dis My Ability  
9:00 PM Deutsche Welle  
9:30 PM Fox Robbins - You Can't Manage what you don't Measure (Part 1)  
10:00 PM Fox Robbins - You Can't Manage what you don't Measure (Part 2)  
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show  
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

### Tuesday December 10, 2019

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM 30 Medical Minutes  
8:00 AM Health Talk  
8:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors  
9:00 AM Tae Kwon Do  
9:30 AM Schvitz'n with Norm  
10:00 AM Mind Your Business  
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
11:00 AM Cape Conversation  
11:30 AM Southcoast Matters TV  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM The Cutting Board  
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
1:30 PM Learning Music with Pat  
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
2:30 PM Sound Off  
3:00 PM Hollywood Movie Maker  
4:00 PM The Human Truth  
5:00 PM Money Matters TV  
5:30 PM The World Fusion Show  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Suicide Prevention  
7:30 PM Books and the World  
8:00 PM Science 360  
8:30 PM Beyond My Crisis  
9:00 PM Gay USA  
10:00 PM Legal Ease  
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show

11:30 PM Democracy Now!

### Wednesday December 11, 2019

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move  
8:00 AM Senior Moment  
8:30 AM Health Source  
9:00 AM Your Yoga Moment  
9:30 AM Schvitz'n with Norm  
10:00 AM Tae Kwon Do  
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
11:00 AM Upper Cape Tech Presents Careers - Medical Billing Specialist  
11:30 AM This is America & The World  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
2:30 PM Building the Future  
3:00 PM The World Fusion Show  
3:30 PM Money Matters TV  
4:00 PM The Human Truth  
5:00 PM Let's Talk Business  
5:30 PM A Conversation With...  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM The Cinemaniacs!  
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle  
8:00 PM The Kamla Show  
8:30 PM Dukes of Sports  
9:30 PM Science 360  
10:00 PM Youth Suicide  
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show  
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

### MARION GOVERNMENT

#### Comcast Channel 95

#### Verizon Channel 39

#### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Finance Committee - November 20, 2019  
8:12 AM Marion Conservation Commission - November 13, 2019  
11:00 AM Marion Planning Board - November 18, 2019  
12:42 PM Marion Board of Selectman - November 5, 2019  
3:00 PM Marion Open Space Committee - November 7, 2019  
3:32 PM Marion Board of Selectman - November 19, 2019  
4:30 PM Marion Planning Board - November 4, 2019  
6:00 PM Marion Finance Committee - November 20, 2019  
7:12 PM Marion Conservation Commission - November 13, 2019  
10:00 PM Marion Planning Board - November 18, 2019  
11:42 PM Marion Board of Selectman - November 5, 2019

### ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

#### Comcast Channel 95

#### Verizon Channel 40

#### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission - November 19, 2019  
7:47 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - November 14, 2019  
10:30 AM Rochester Annual Town Meeting - November 18, 2019  
10:48 AM Rochester Conservation Commission - November 5, 2019  
12:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - November 4, 2019  
12:34 PM Rochester Planning Board - November 12, 2019  
1:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - October 24, 2019  
3:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee - October 23, 2019  
4:09 PM Rochester Planning Board - October 31, 2019  
5:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - October 21, 2019  
5:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - November 19, 2019  
6:16 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - November 14, 2019  
9:00 PM Rochester Annual Town Meeting - November 18, 2019  
9:18 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - November 5, 2019  
10:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - November 4, 2019  
11:04 PM Rochester Planning Board - November 12, 2019

### EDUCATION CHANNEL

#### Comcast Channel 97

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#### Daily Schedule

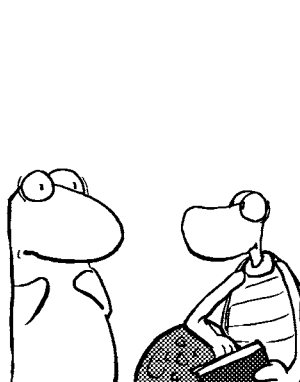
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly  
7:20 AM OCTV Episode 3  
7:30 AM ORR Football vs Seekonk - October 25, 2019  
9:30 AM Marion Veterans Day Ceremony 2019  
10:08 AM Mattapoisett Veterans Day Ceremony 2019  
11:00 AM OCTV STEM Day 2019  
11:30 AM Two Grammys on the Road  
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
12:30 PM Old Colony 8th Grade Exploratory (Day 1)  
1:00 PM Old Colony 8th Grade Exploratory (Day 2)  
1:30 PM Old Colony 8th Grade Exploratory (Day 3)  
2:00 PM ORRHS Homecoming Pep Rally 2019  
3:00 PM Marion Music Hall Presents - Musicians & Their Artwork  
4:34 PM Chuck McIntyre Autism Presentation - November 20, 2019  
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
6:20 PM OCTV Episode 3  
6:30 PM ORR Football vs Norwell - November 9, 2019  
8:30 PM Elizabeth Taber Marijuana Presentation - November 7, 2019  
10:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - October 20, 2019

### MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT

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Department Store and then the Prudential Center in Boston) on Thursday, **December 12**. The van will leave the Senior Center for both trips at 8:30 am. Advanced sign-up is necessary to reserve a seat on the van.

The Senior Book Club of Rochester is holding its monthly meeting on Tuesday, **December 17** at 10:15 am at the Rochester Senior Center. This group is led by the Plumb Library Director, Gail Roberts. The book being discussed this month is *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*, by Gail Honeyman. This book is an uplifting story of an out-of-the-ordinary heroine, and won the 2017 Costa Debut Novel Award. All are welcome to join the discussion group.

Flu Shots are still available at the Rochester Senior Center on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. There is a limited supply remaining. It is not too late for a flu shot. Flu vaccines remain effective in the body for around six months, on average.

The Rochester Senior Center offers a full array of regular, weekly scheduled activities and services. Activities and services are listed on the Rochester Senior Center's Facebook page, website, newsletter and bulletin board at the center. Some of the weekly activities are; Fitness Room, Art Group, Chair Yoga, Cribbage, Mahjong, Stepping and Stretching, Scrabble, Line Dancing, BINGO, Zumba, Blood Pressure Clinic, Ballroom Dancing, Busy Bees Craft Group, Conversational French, Friday afternoon movies, and rides to and from appointments

  
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**Edward D. Francis, IV**, 69, of Marion died Thursday, November 28, 2019 at home surrounded by his family after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was the husband of Kristine A. (Joseph) Francis.

Born in New Bedford, son of the late Edward D. Francis, III and Florence J. (Lopes) Francis, he lived in Mattapoisett for most of his life before moving to Marion in 1996.

He was a graduate of Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School and later served in the United States Army.

Edward was employed as a truck driver by Nichols Trucking Company in Middleboro and was formerly employed by Guard Enterprises, Gold Medal Bakery, and Roseland Nursery. He had also formerly been self-employed as E.F. Trucking and later Yellowbird Trucking. Additionally, he had worked as a scalloper and a farrier.

"GPS Eddie" "Uncle Eddie" or "Fast Eddie", as he was known, was everyone's go-to-man. He enjoyed camping at Ellis Haven and Maple Park, splitting and selling firewood, plowing, and truck driving. He was also an avid Reba McEntire fan.

He is survived by his wife, Kristine; four children, James Francis of New Bedford, Airyelle Francis of Marion, Robert Francis of New Bedford, and Holly Turner of Mattapoisett; three grandchildren, Annabelle May Harwood, Malikai Joseph Francis, and Hollyn Turner; five siblings, Arnold Francis, Ginny Francis, Beverly Howland, Barbara Pepin, and Paul Francis; three special nephews, Alexzander, Noah, and Benjamin Franco and their mother, Sarah August; and several other nieces, nephews, and extended family.

He was predeceased by his brother, Philip Francis.

Eddie's family would like to thank Dr. Blanchard, Dr. Eby, and the entire staff at the Southcoast Cancer Center for the care given to him during his illness.

His Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 2 pm at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett. Visitation will be held from 11 am-2 pm, prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, donations in Edward's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123. For directions and guestbook, please visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com).



**Thomas "Tommy" Christian Chaples, Sr.** entered into rest Tuesday, November 25, 2019.

Tommy is the husband of Ashley Elizabeth Tindal Chaples. They have been married for 9 wonderful years. He is the father of Thomas Christian Chaples, Jr., Scarlett Inez Chaples, and Dalton Hudson

James Chaples. Tommy was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts and is the son of Christina Lynne Cutler-Hammack of Bedford, Kentucky and Richard Alan Chaples of Fall River, Massachusetts. He is the son-in-law of Steve and Cathy Day of Wagener. Tommy is the maternal grandson of Rosemary Cutler of Fall River, Massachusetts and the late Donald S. Cutler. He is the paternal grandson of Kathryn Chaples of New Bedford, Massachusetts, and Charles and Cecelia Chaples of Mattapoisett, Massachusetts. Tommy's step-father was the late Gordon Coe. Tommy is the brother of Matthew Charles Chaples of Bedford, Kentucky, Timothy Alan Chaples of Boston, Massachusetts, and Sara Ann Coe Pokel of Middleboro, Massachusetts. He is the brother-in-law Tara Tindal of Columbia, Thelma Tindal of Salley, Crystal Tindal of Lexington, Lewis Tindal, Jr. of Pelion, Bryan Tindal of Wagener, and Jason Tindal of Batesburg. Tommy is the nephew of Jeffery (Jamey) Cutler, Douglas (Melissa) Cutler, and Brian (Lisa) Cutler, Charllie Chaples, Alfred (Pam) Chaples and Becky (Henry) Renault. He has numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and wonderful friends.

Tommy's family moved to Salley just after his 13th birthday. He was active in Cub Scouts and the Boy Scouts. Tommy played Baseball, Soccer, and was a member of the band playing the Saxophone.

Tommy attended Wagener-Salley Schools and was a graduate of Will Lou Grey Military Academy in Lexington. He joined the U. S. Army at the age of 16 years and 9 months. Tommy served in the 82nd Airborne 3rd Brigade, Charlie Company 505TH stationed in Fort Bragg, NC. Tommy served 2 tours in Iraq. Tommy was an excellent cook. He was a wonderful husband and father. He loved climbing trees to trim and cut. Tommy loved to help people and was a very giving person. He loved all of his family and he loved fishing and visiting Massachusetts.

A Service Celebrating Tommy's Life was held on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at Bethcar Baptist Church.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers for donations to be made to Blizzard Funeral Home at P. O. Box 235, Wagener, SC 29164 to assist with funeral expenses.



**William B. Rosperich**, 68, of Mattapoisett, died peacefully at home on Sunday, November 24, 2019. He was the husband of Christine M. (Perrault) Rosperich.

Born in Quantico, VA, son of the late Anthony J. and Eleanor (Magee) Rosperich, he spent his early years as a "military brat" before moving to Mattapoisett in 1964.

Bill enlisted in the army after graduating from Old Rochester Regional High School and served as a Sergeant in

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and errands. Lunch is served on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at noon. Breakfast is served Monday through Friday from 7:00 to 9:00 am. You do not have to be a Rochester resident to participate in most of the programs. The Rochester Senior Center is a warm and welcoming place for seniors to get together with peers, whether it is to participate in an activity, or just have a cup of coffee.

The bulletin board at the Rochester Senior Center lists activities and services offered to seniors in the community as well as at the center. Activities include various support groups, financial and legal resources, medical services, and much more. All are welcome to come to the Senior Center and see what is available there or in the community.

### BBC Carvalho Farm

Officials and members of the public gathered in a Fairhaven meadow in the November sunshine on Tuesday to celebrate the opening of Carvalho Farm, the Buzzards Bay Coalition's newest public reserve. This coastal property features a native grassland meadow, active agricultural field, forested wetlands, and salt marshes on 61 acres along the shore of Nasketucket Bay.

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the US Army Special Forces. He served in Germany and was a Vietnam combat veteran.

Following his military service, Bill obtained his B.A. from Southeastern Massachusetts University and professional certification in Information Technology from Control Data Institute. He was a life-long learner and earned many certifications in his field throughout his career. He was a retired I.T. Project Management Consultant and had worked throughout New England, specializing in the hospital and financial industries.

Bill was a jack of all trades, and was an especially talented carpenter. He and his wife were thrilled to return home to Mattapoisett to raise their children, where he participated in the design and build of their family home.

Bill learned to sail as a young man and boating on Buzzards Bay was his favorite pastime. He spent many happy summer days with his boys out on the ocean. He was a good man; a kind, thoughtful and loving husband and father and a loyal friend. He was loved and will be missed by many.

Surviving in addition to his wife are his sons, Gregory Rosperich and his wife Florencia Rago of Cambridge, and Jonathan Rosperich of Mattapoisett; two brothers, Jerry Rosperich of North Carolina and Joel Rosperich of Mattapoisett; two sisters, Elizabeth Silverberg of Rochester and Toni Gay Wall of Maine; his life-long friend, Frank Cooper of Mattapoisett; and several nieces and nephews. The Perrault family of Mattapoisett considered him one of their own, as well.

Visiting hours will be held on Friday, December 6, 2019 from 4 – 8 pm at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett. Interment will be at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne.

Bill was proud to have served as a Green Beret and would be honored by contributions in his memory to the Veterans Transition House, 344 County St., New Bedford, MA 02740. For directions and guestbook, please visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com).



**Linda Pirro Solomon**, 71, of Marion, Dover and Needham, died November 27, 2019. She was the wife of Dr. Alan Solomon.

Linda was born in Boston, Massachusetts. Originally from Needham and Dover, Massachusetts before moving to Marion in 2001. She was the daughter of Erminie and Anthony T. Pirro (deceased).

Linda worked as a medical technologist, and a hematology specialist, in Boston and at the Metrowest Medical Center for over thirty years. She also worked as a medical

sales representative for a biotech firm and later became a financial advisor after moving to Marion.

She enjoyed playing tennis, and served as chairperson of the racquet committee at the Bay Club in Mattapoisett, Massachusetts. She was an artist and served on the boards of the Wareham Art Association, the Marion Art Center and the New Bedford Art Museum/Art Works.

Linda earned her degree in medical technology from The New England Hospital, and a bachelor's degree from Lesley University in Health Education.

She loved children, family and friends. She also enjoyed sailing, antiques and gardening. Linda had a passion for travel and experienced many beautiful sites worldwide with her husband and close friend. She was beloved for her sense of humor, compassion, wisdom and strength.

Her survivors include: her loving husband, Alan; her mother Erminie; sons Gregory Lawrance and his partner James Gunter of New York City and Travis Tutcik and his wife Riyo Hirota; their three children Leo, Niko and Akira of Jamaica Plain, MA. She is also survived by her brothers Thomas and his wife Carol of Palm Beach Shores, Florida; Richard and his wife Mary of Bonita Springs, FL., four step-children, Joel and Susan Solomon of West Roxbury, MA; Ruthanne Solomon of Hartford, CT; Leslie and Arthur Reitman of Atlanta, GA; and Dianne and Louis Eichel of Rochester, NY; as well as several wonderful step-grandchildren: Noah, Gigi, Ben, Madeline, Toby, Ava and Sam. She leaves two nephews, Derek and Richie; one beloved niece, Janice and her husband Jason of Needham, MA; a great nephew Kyle and great niece Brooke; and many close and loving cousins and friends.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, remembrances can be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Multiple Myeloma Research, 450 Brookline Avenue, Boston, MA 02215-5450. For online guestbook, visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com).

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Grace from Marion has visions of sugarplums. Photo submitted by Deb Perry



Rochester Troop 31 delivered food donations they have been collecting all month to Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet for Thanksgiving. November was 'Scouting for Food Month' and Troop 31 Scouts and Leaders take this type of community service very seriously. This year they will be extending Scouting for Food to December as well. Photos by Ilana Mackin



Rochester Troop 31 helped members of the Rochester Lions Club pack Thanksgiving meals for Tri-Town seniors and families in need this holiday season on November 24. Every Thanksgiving, local families in need count on the Rochester Lions to provide them with a turkey dinner with all the fixings. For anyone who needs assistance or to recommend a family or senior to be added to the list, please contact the Rochester Lions Club. Photo by Ilana Mackin



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Attendees exploring the site marveled at how their surroundings changed as they walked the trail, from open meadow, to wetland-studded woods, to scrubby coastal forest and salt marsh. A shared favorite spot on the trail was the view from Indian Rock, a massive boulder in a clearing at the trail's end, where visitors could look over acres of salt marsh colored orange by the setting sun.

With the support of Fairhaven Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds, the Coalition purchased the land in 2017 and placed it under a conservation restriction that permanently protects it from development. Under this conservation restriction, the property will also

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## Last Rites

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***The Irishman*.** Starring Robert De Niro, Al Pacino, and Joe Pesci. Directed by Martin Scorsese. Running time: 209 minutes. MPAA rating: R. In select theaters and streaming on Netflix.

Martin Scorsese's late-period masterpiece *The Irishman* kicks off on a note as darkly funny and devastating as much of the rest of the movie: a lengthy tracking shot through the halls of a Philadelphia nursing home, stopping on the gray, barely breathing husk of Frank Sheeran (Robert De Niro). Forget the famous, triumphant Copacabana tracking shot in Scorsese's *GoodFellas* — this is the cold, bleak truth of a cold, bleak life. Frank, a truck driver turned button man for the Philly mob, swam in the same deep waters as crime-family head Russell Bufalino (Joe Pesci) and embattled Teamsters king Jimmy Hoffa (Al Pacino). Before he died in 2003, Frank claimed he whacked Hoffa, a confession in much dispute. I don't care if he really did it. *The Irishman* is not about the mystery of Jimmy Hoffa's death; it's about the mystery of Frank Sheeran's life, and men like him, who gave up the long-term nourishment of family for short-term security.

At a party honoring Frank, there's a bit where De Niro and Pesci sit and talk while Scorsese's camera swings over for a glimpse of Pacino chatting with Harvey Keitel (as another big-time mobster). For those of a certain age who grew up watching these four men, this is like fan-service, or Christmas coming a month early. *The Irishman* often comes off as a farewell-tour concert, though I imagine all of them (except maybe Pesci) want to continue working — just maybe not all together, like this. The point is that the movie isn't all desolation and loss; it has many pleasures, including watching younger turks like Ray Romano, Jesse Plemons, Bobby Cannavale, and Sebastian Maniscalco looking like kids on that same Christmas morning, in a daze of disbelief that they get to play with legends. Then you have the nearly silent Anna Paquin as Peggy, Frank's daughter, who knows exactly what he is, and has since she was little. Peggy is what you look like when you've learned the harder, sharper bits of life long before you should. Paquin's sorrow and anger haunt the film.

Aside from the much-discussed de-aging computer effects that allow De Niro and others to play men ranging from their twenties to their eighties, Scorsese doesn't indulge much whiz-bang. His stamp is clear and



bold, but shots are held longer than you expect, or old men in huge aviator glasses sit and talk, quietly or not, in hotel rooms. There's no hint of the Rolling Stones or any other rock on the soundtrack. If *Saving Private Ryan* was Steven Spielberg's salute to the Greatest Generation, *The Irishman* is Scorsese's much more ambivalent view of them. The message seems to be, Our fathers may have done what they had to do, but that doesn't make them heroes.

Or villains, either. Mostly, we see men hobbled by their own shortcomings. Pacino gives us a showboating Hoffa, afflicted with short-guy pugnacity and pride; he plays with Hoffa's vowels like a cat with string, while De Niro nods and reacts or sometimes stammers. By and large, though, Pacino just simmers and seethes. Over-the-top bravura is left to the young men; the old masters at work here, including Scorsese and his longtime editor Thelma Schoonmaker, seem to disregard anything noisy or inessential and get to the point without fuss. *The Irishman* is reserved, though not repressed. The old gangster violence pops out now and then, unemphatic and casual. A bullet comes for a man the way a stroke or cancer does. Nothing personal, fella, it is what it is.

Like Frank, Scorsese has all daughters. Is there a Peggy in Scorsese's life, judging him quietly for being off on the set all the time? Even if there isn't, Scorsese can imagine Frank's particular purgatory. The women in these men's lives have been trained, generationally and socially, to stand by the men and not make problems. It takes a Peggy, a woman of the next generation, to say, Hey, this isn't how it's supposed to be. *The Irishman* is more about the conflict between Frank and Peggy, even when she's nowhere near the screen, than it is about Frank's tutelage under Bufalino or betrayal of Hoffa. The final shot invites debate and analysis. What does it express — hope, or acceptance of what's coming? Scorsese was idiotically shamed for not giving Anna Paquin more scenes or dialogue, but she makes her presence felt, woundingly, throughout. She, too, is a master, though at 37 far from old. It's enough that in that final shot, we know that Frank is waiting for one of two visitors. We know for sure only that one of them did come for him. And that's that.

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For more information about this property and all the places around the Bay to explore, visit [www.savebuzzardsbay.org](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org).

### Wreaths for Sale at the Rochester Women's Club

For the weekend of **December 7 and 8**, the ladies of the Rochester Women's Club will be creating and selling beautiful holiday wreaths. The Club will be open from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and is located at 37 Marion Road in Rochester. Wreath making has been a long-time fundraising event for our club.

The funds from the wreath sale will go the support the Raymond Hartley and the "Snookie" Scholarship funds. Each year the Rochester Women's Club awards three scholarships to graduating Rochester seniors. The Raymond Hartley Scholarship is open to all applicants seeking a college education and the "Snookie" is awarded to the graduating senior pursuing a degree in nursing. Our scholarship applications will be available at the guidance offices of all high schools the area in January.

For more information, call Marsha at 508-322-0998.

### Human Adaptation to Climate Change

Join the Tabor Academy community as they welcome Alize Carrere to campus as the next Science@Work Lecturer. This is the second of a four-part lecture series about scientists among us.

With the persistence of environmental change, people across the world are experimenting daily with different adaptive methods on the ground. With support from National Geographic and The Redford Center, filmmaker Alizé Carrère has been documenting innovative human adaptations in places such as

Madagascar, Bangladesh, Vanuatu, Norway, and the United States. From floating farms in Bangladesh to ice pyramids in the Himalayas, these stories reveal incredible ingenuity and resourcefulness in the face of environmental adversity.

Carrere will share her experiences and film footage from the field as she explains these unique examples of human adaptation, reminding us of the most important trait that has allowed for our continued survival on earth.

Join in this free lecture at Tabor Academy on **December 9** at 6:30 pm in the Stroud Academic Center's Lyndon South Auditorium at 242 Front Street, Marion.

### Mattapoisett Free Public Library

Upcoming Programs for all ages at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library.

On Saturday, **December 7** at 10:30 am, join us for an all-ages Holiday Story Time. Join Miss Chris and celebrate our many winter holidays with songs and stories. Includes craft and snack. Please contact Miss Chris for information at 508-758-4171 or by email at [cmatos@sailsinc.org](mailto:cmatos@sailsinc.org).

Finally, on Tuesday, **December 11** at 3:30 pm, make your own Candy Lighthouse with frosting, ice cream cones and of course, lots of candy. This event is for all ages. Registration required.

For tweens and teens, the makerspace will be the



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# TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



## MARION

### Log highlights Nov 24-Nov 30

- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Barros Dr – EMS/medical
- Front St - Animal control
- Wareham Rd – MV complaint
- Village Dr – Noise complaint
- Point Rd – MV stop/citation
- Route 105 – MV collision
- Hermitage Rd – Health/welfare
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Lewis St – EMS/medical
- Moorings Rd – EMS/medical
- Spring St – Health/welfare
- Wareham Rd – Road hazard
- Spinnaker Ln – EMS/medical
- Front St - Disturbance
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Mill St – General service
- Cove St – EMS/medical
- Point Rd - Suspicious activity
- South St – Health/welfare
- Front St – Animal complaint
- Mill St – Found property
- Delano Rd – EMS/medical
- Village Dr - Disturbance
- Front St – Suspicious MV
- Mill St – General offense
- Village Dr – Noise complaint
- River Rd – Structure fire
- Marion Rd – Assist other police dept

## MATTAPOISETT

### Log highlights Nov 24-Nov 30

- County Rd – 911 abandoned
- Fairhaven Rd – Property found
- Prospect Rd – 911 call
- River Rd – MV violations
- County Rd – MV lockout
- Main St – Traffic control
- County Rd – Restraining order
- County Rd – MV crash
- Marion Rd – 911 abandoned
- Marion Rd – MV lockout
- Fairhaven Rd – Animal control
- Brandt Island Rd – Health/welfare
- North St – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Marion Rd – Assist citizen
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd - Vandalism
- Prospect Rd – Soliciting
- North St – Transport/general
- I195 East – MV crash
- North St – Parking violation
- Water St – General service
- Meadowbrook Ln – Harassment service
- Prospect Rd – Health/welfare
- Marion Rd – Assist other agency
- Jane Ln – House check
- Acushnet Rd – 911 call
- Fairhaven Rd – Health/welfare
- Second St – Property found
- Bowman Rd – Medical/assist
- Winter Hill Rd – 911 call

## ROCHESTER

### Log highlights Nov 24-Nov 30

- Hartley Rd - Harassment
- Walnut Plain Rd – Assist citizen
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation
- Dexter Ln – Medical emergency
- Hartley Rd – Follow-up
- Mendell Rd – Medical emergency
- Bowens Ln – Animal control
- New Bedford Rd – Suspicious MV
- North Ave – MV stop/towed
- Rounseville Rd – Road hazard
- Nathaniels Dr – Assist other agency
- Neck Rd – 911 call
- Haskell Ridge Rd - Investigation
- Mendell Rd – Assist citizen
- New Bedford Rd – 911 call
- Braley Hill Rd – Suspicious MV
- Wordell St – Animal control
- Dexter Ln – Assist other agency
- Rounseville Rd – Animal control
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation
- Burgess Ave – Assist other dept
- Neck Rd – Medical emergency
- Braley Hill Rd – MV accident
- Higginson Ln – 911 call
- Cranberry Hwy – MV accident
- Bryant Ln – 911 call
- Marion Rd – Medical emergency
- North Ave – Fire/structure

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit [www.Wanderer.com](http://www.Wanderer.com).



# REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

## COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

**Monday, Dec 9:** Chicken cacciatore, Italian penne, peas & mushrooms, scalloped potatoes, pineapple

**Tuesday, Dec 10:** Beef picadillo, rice, mixed veggie, oatmeal bread, mandarin oranges

**Wednesday, Dec 11:** Cream of carrot & celery soup, pork w/rosemary gravy, au gratin potatoes, whole wheat roll, pistachio pudding

**Thursday, Dec 12:** Greek meatballs, rice pilaf, Malibu blend, multigrain bread, banana

**Friday, Dec 13:** Crustless chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, asparagus, biscuit, applesauce

## CENTER SCHOOL

**Monday, Dec 9:** Popcorn chicken bowl, mashed potato, golden corn w/gravy & cheese, whole grain dinner roll 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: Bagel fun lunch

**Tuesday, Dec 10:** Memphis BBQ: pulled pork sliders, BBQ baked beans, onion rings 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: Bagel fun lunch

**Wednesday, Dec 11:** Chicken tenders & waffles, mozzarella string cheese, potato puffs, cinnamon baked apples 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: Bagel fun lunch

**Thursday, Dec 12:** Mac & cheese w/warm pretzel, brainy broccoli 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: Bagel fun lunch

**Friday, Dec 13:** Stuffed crust pizza, green beans, fruit cup 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: Bagel fun lunch

## OLD HAMMONDTOWN

**Monday, Dec 9:** Popcorn chicken bowl, mashed potato, golden corn w/gravy & cheese, whole grain dinner roll 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: Bagel fun lunch

**Tuesday, Dec 10:** Memphis BBQ: pulled pork sliders, BBQ baked beans, onion rings 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: Bagel fun lunch

**Wednesday, Dec 11:** Chicken tenders & waffles, mozzarella string cheese, potato puffs, cinnamon baked apples 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: Bagel fun lunch

**Thursday, Dec 12:** Mac & cheese w/warm pretzel, brainy broccoli 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: Bagel fun lunch

**Friday, Dec 13:** Stuffed crust pizza, green beans, fruit cup 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: Bagel fun lunch

## OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

**Monday, Dec 9:** Popcorn chicken bowl, mashed potato, golden corn w/gravy & cheese, whole grain dinner roll

**Tuesday, Dec 10:** Memphis BBQ:

pulled pork sliders, BBQ baked beans, onion rings

**Wednesday, Dec 11:** Chicken & waffles, mozzarella string cheese, potato puffs, cinnamon baked apples

**Thursday, Dec 12:** Mac & cheese, buffalo chicken or plain w/warm pretzel, brainy broccoli

**Friday, Dec 13:** Homemade quesadilla (chicken or cheese), fried rice, sour cream, black bean & corn salsa

## ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

**Monday, Dec 9:** Popcorn chicken bowl, mashed potato, golden corn w/gravy & cheese, whole grain dinner roll 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: Bagel fun lunch

**Tuesday, Dec 10:** Memphis BBQ: pulled pork sliders, BBQ baked beans, onion rings 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: Bagel fun lunch

**Wednesday, Dec 11:** Chicken tenders & waffles, mozzarella string cheese, potato puffs, cinnamon baked apples 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: Bagel fun lunch

**Thursday, Dec 12:** Mac & cheese w/warm pretzel, brainy broccoli 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: Bagel fun lunch

**Friday, Dec 13:** Stuffed crust pizza, green beans, fruit cup 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: Bagel fun lunch

## SIPPICAN SCHOOL

**Monday, Dec 9:** Popcorn chicken bowl, mashed potato, golden corn w/gravy & cheese, whole grain dinner roll 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: Bagel fun lunch

**Tuesday, Dec 10:** Memphis BBQ: pulled pork sliders, BBQ baked beans, onion rings 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: Bagel fun lunch

**Wednesday, Dec 11:** Chicken tenders & waffles, mozzarella string cheese, potato puffs, cinnamon baked apples 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: Bagel fun lunch

**Thursday, Dec 12:** Mac & cheese w/warm pretzel, brainy broccoli 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: Bagel fun lunch

**Friday, Dec 13:** Stuffed crust pizza, green beans, fruit cup 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: Bagel fun lunch

## OLD COLONY REGIONAL

**Monday, Dec 9:** Teriyaki beef stir fry bowl

**Tuesday, Dec 10:** Chicken nuggets, fries & bread

**Wednesday, Dec 11:** American chop suey, green beans & garlic bread

**Thursday, Dec 12:** Turkey club & fries

**Friday, Dec 13:** Assorted pizza



place to be with a craft every Tuesday and a Make-Your-Own Holiday Cards passive craft all month long. Join us in spreading cheer! The Game Lounge will also be open on Wednesday, **December 18** at 4:00 pm. On **December 6** at 3:30 pm, at the Holiday Print 3D Design Workshop you will learn how our 3D Printer works, how you can find premade designs, how to gauge how well it will print, and your options for customizing the print. Space is limited. Registration is required. Ages 12 and up.

For the adults, don't miss Dr. Heather Brodie Perry speak about finding reliable health information and health information literacy at her Health Information Workshop on Tuesday, **December 10** at 6:30 pm.

The Mattapoisett library needs your help! We have been working hard on developing our makerspace to be a place of creation, innovation, and collaboration. We still have far to go, but it deserves a name! The Mattapoisett Library invites you to tell us your ideas. If we like it, we will give that name to the makerspace and give you a prize. We ask for submissions from patrons of all ages. Please only submit one to three ideas. We are accepting submissions up until December 31.

Find out more about our other upcoming programs online at [mattapoisettlibrary.org](http://mattapoisettlibrary.org). All programs are free and open to the public. If special accommodations are needed, please contact the library at 508-758-4171 for assistance.

### Rochester Historical Society Organ Concert

Join the Rochester Historical Society on Sunday, **December 8** from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the church/ museum 355 County Road, Rochester for an organ concert. Bruce Gardzina will be playing Christmas as well as other pieces on the Vocalion reed organ which was built in 1893 in Worcester. Singing along with the music is a plus. After the concert, there will be holiday refreshments. Entrance fee is \$5 at the door. If you'd like, please bring an unwrapped toy for a child or teen in need.

### Shop 'Til You Drop

Need to Christmas shop but don't have time without the kids? Let First Congregational Church of

Rochester, 11 Constitution Way in Rochester, feed and entertain your children for free on Saturday, **December 14** from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. CORI'd adults and youth will provide dinner, crafts, games, and lots of fun while you enjoy some time away. Register your children for this fun, free event at [vbsproevents/p/shoptilyoudrop](http://vbsproevents/p/shoptilyoudrop) or call the church office at 508-763-4314 to reserve your spot today.

### December Programs at Plumb Library

Plumb Library's Holiday Hours: Tuesday, **December 24**, open 10:00 am to 1:00 pm; Wednesday, **December 25** – closed; Tuesday, **December 31**, open 10:00 am to 1:00 pm; Wednesday, **January 1** – closed.

Music and Movement with Ms. Nancy is back! This program will be held on **December 6, 13 and 20** at 10:30 am for children aged 2-5. Registration is required for each class by date. You do not have to register for every class! This class will be limited to 8 children. Register on the Event Calendar on the Library's website, [www.plumblibrary.com](http://www.plumblibrary.com). This class is free due to the kindness of Ms. Nancy.

During the Christmas school break, the library will be offering drop-in programs for ages 5 and up from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm on Thursday, **December 26**, Friday, **December 27**, Thursday, **January 2**, and Friday, **January 3**, plus from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday, **December 28**, and Saturday, **January 4**. Children can create their own buttons with the Button Maker, build structures with the

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## ACROSS

- 1 Emanates (from)  
6 Get — on (ace)  
9 Diner fave  
12 False show  
15 Girl coming out in society  
18 Plain to see  
19 Its capital is Minsk  
21 Lion-headed monster  
23 ANNE  
25 Department in eastern France  
26 Munic. statute  
27 Juan's emphatic assent  
28 1,501, to Caesar  
29 Grad's "with honor"  
30 Begin a PC session  
32 DIANA  
34 Monastery garments  
35 French fauvist Dufy  
37 Favorable vote  
38 Vegas stake  
39 "Ooh" or "tra" follower  
40 Actor MacLeod

- 41 — -Z (completely)  
42 Actress Henner  
45 AMY  
49 Recycling holder  
50 Stimp's cartoon pal  
51 Exclude  
52 — Aviv  
53 Small songbird  
54 Cordon — (veal dish)  
55 Stuck in  
57 Ill-bred fellow  
59 "Rambo" site, in brief  
61 Tiny biting midge  
63 EMMA  
67 Sun block?  
70 Mel whose "4" was retired  
71 Make a face  
72 Sternward  
76 De-wrinkle  
77 Suffix with Motor  
79 Huge bird of legend  
81 One + two, in German  
83 No, in Ayr  
84 Amer. soldiers  
85 JANE  
89 Walk showily  
91 Feast on

- 92 It may be stainless  
93 Soothe  
94 Tiny charged bit  
95 Oktoberfest "Oh!"  
96 Driver's 180  
97 Gillis in an old sitcom  
98 KATE  
102 Amaze the audience  
103 NATO, e.g.  
104 Sleep acronym  
105 Bric-a —  
107 Ignited, as a match  
109 Would have, given the chance  
110 GRACE  
113 Stable troughs  
114 Sidestepped  
115 Information tech mag  
116 What "+" may mean  
117 Grain staple  
118 Rainy  
119 Mag workers  
120 Pee Wee whose "1" was retired

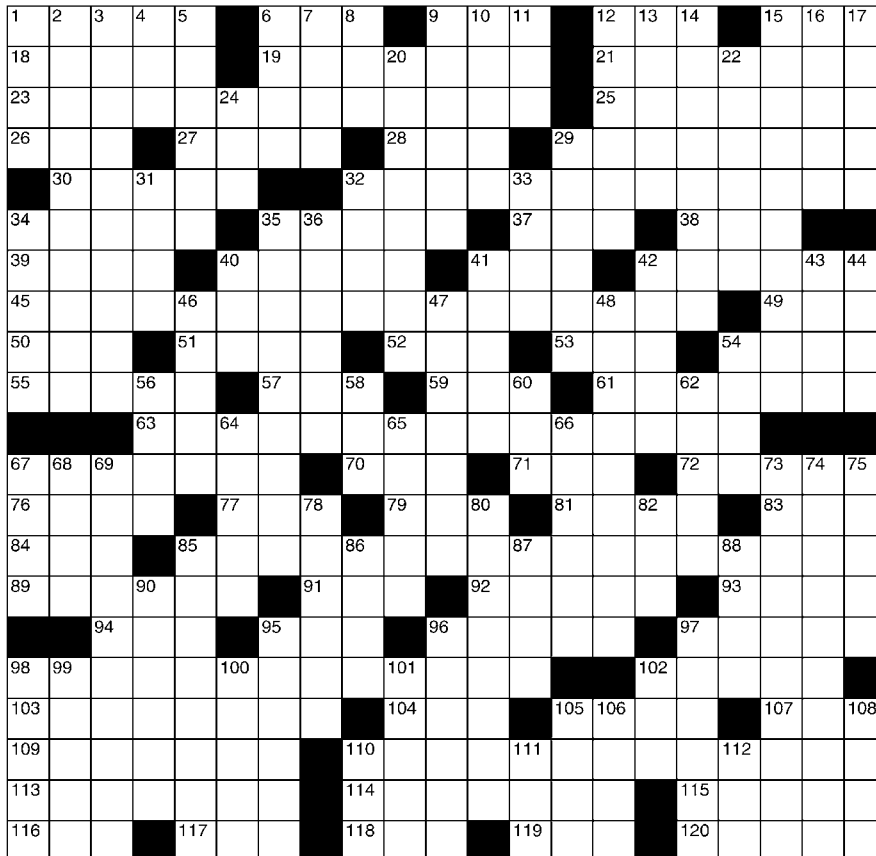
## DOWN

- 1 Vocalist Perry  
2 Burdened excessively

- 3 Lea  
4 Make a goof  
5 Balanced condition  
6 Simple skills  
7 Old brand of grape soda  
8 Stein filler  
9 Wedding-related  
10 Clearheaded  
11 Chinese philosopher Lao —  
12 Charge with an offense  
13 Munch (on)  
14 Area at the top of a PC window  
15 Amount the insured must first pay  
16 Abrade  
17 Less adorned  
20 Military division  
22 More spiteful  
24 — Tin Tin (TV dog)  
29 Shout  
31 Queen's onetime rock genre  
32 Crime film genre  
33 Inauguration Day highlight  
34 Actress Bow

- 35 How an extremist acts  
36 Online user's self-image  
40 Emerald, e.g.  
41 Happy as —  
42 "So am I"  
43 In — of (rather than)  
44 "One" on a U.S. penny  
46 Ice cream drinks  
47 One with a six-year term  
48 Color related to emerald or pistachio  
54 Telly network, with "the"  
56 Oomph  
58 Indigo Girls, e.g.  
60 "So tasty!"  
62 Sluggish type  
64 Actress Deschanel  
65 Parade walk  
66 Soap opera, informally  
67 Boars, e.g.  
68 Opera highlight  
69 Locale of Mount Erebus  
73 Title girl of a Poe poem

- 74 Exact copies  
75 Little laugh  
78 Comic actor Don  
80 Client  
82 Pipe fitter's elbow  
85 City in west California  
86 Locale of Waikiki  
87 Flabbergast  
88 "That hurts!"  
90 Swindling, slangily  
95 For neither profit nor loss  
96 System of online newsgroups  
97 Stevedore  
98 — "mia!"  
99 Brand of fat substitute  
100 Prefix with cellular  
101 Was behind the wheel  
102 Female WWII server  
105 Needed suturing, say  
106 Frees oneself (of)  
108 Little fella  
110 Mandible or maxilla  
111 Honored Fr. woman  
112 Female with a fleece



# SALOME'S STARS

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) There could be an unexpected change in plans for your upcoming holiday travels. But keep in mind that a little flexibility goes a long way in resolving any disappointments.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A new relationship might not be responding quite as quickly as you'd hoped. Could you be expecting too much too soon? Try to ease up and let things happen at their own pace.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) As we approach the frenetic pace of pre-holiday planning, take time out now to reconnect with the wonderful people who share your life, especially the one who also shares your dreams.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A misunderstanding should be resolved before you get caught up in the flurry of holiday preparations. Set your pride aside and deal with it, regardless of who might have hurt whom first.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Being told that a colleague might have been trying to undercut your effectiveness might or might not be true. Get all the facts before you even think about acting on this so-called information.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) It's a good idea to start your holiday preparation plans early in order to avoid a time crunch if an unresolved workplace situation causes a problem. That old friend might have some welcome news.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A family member's actions continue to surprise you, but this time with positive results. Could be your wise counsel finally got through. It's like having an early holiday gift, isn't it?

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your reluctance to act in a current situation could be traced to your inner self advising you to take more time to study its complexities before you attempt to deal with it. Good luck.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Soothing hurt feelings before they can ignite an angry outburst is the wise thing to do. And, of course, when it comes to doing the "wisdom thing," you do it so well.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Budget your time so that you can handle both your workplace duties and your personal holiday planning -- including travel arrangements -- without burning out on either end.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You might find that you still need to firm up one or two of those still-outstanding decisions so that you finally can move forward as you had planned. Weigh the facts, then act.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You usually don't carry grudges, but you might feel this is one time when you're justified in doing so. But aren't you spending too much energy holding onto it? Let it go and move on.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a way of using your quiet strength to persuade people to follow their better instincts and do the right thing.

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library's LEGO, KEVA planks, and Locktagon collections, or visit the STEM Exploration Station using microscopes and magnifying glasses.

The COA Book Group will discuss *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman on Tuesday, **December 17** at 10:15 am at the Rochester COA on Dexter Lane, Rochester.

A socially awkward, routine-oriented loner teams up with a bumbling IT guy from her office to assist an elderly accident victim, forging a friendship that saves all three from lives of isolation and secret unhappiness.

The "Just the Facts" Nonfiction Book Group will discuss *The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test* by Tom Wolfe on Thursday, **December 19** at 6:30 pm. This book describes the escapades of Ken Kesey and the Merry Pranksters, a drug-saturated group of hippies who get in and out of trouble with the law.

The Cafe Parlez Book Group will discuss *Smile* by Roddy Doyle on Thursday, **December 26** at 6:30 pm. Approached by a man he does not remember who claims they attended secondary school together, a man on his own for the first time in years reluctantly reflects on unhappy memories from the past, including those of a brutal teacher who left him traumatized and struggling to hold fast to his sanity. By the award-winning author of *Paddy Clarke, Ha Ha Ha*.

### Spirit of Saint Anthony Choir Christmas Concert

The Spirit of Saint Anthony Choir Christmas Concert will take place on Sunday, **December 15**, at 3:00 pm, at St. Anthony of Padua Church in the North End of New Bedford. Director David Touchette will accompany Bishop Stang's choral groups as the guest performers. The St. Anthony's Spanish choir will sing traditional Christmas hymns, and the Borges Family Singers have prepared an original song in honor of their grandfather. To end the concert, all the singers, musicians and the audience get to sing along to traditional carols and Handel's Hallelujah Chorus. Overflow parking and a shuttle available at St. Killian's parking lot on the corner of Earle St. and Acushnet Avenue. The concert is

a fundraiser for the 107-year-old pipe organ. Donation is \$10 per person, or \$20 for a family.

### Holiday Concert at the Mattapoisett

Celebrate the season with a selection of holiday music performed by the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra String Trio at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library on Sunday, **December 15** at 2:00 pm. This string trio features EmmaLee Holmes Hicks on violin, Hannah Ross on viola, and Jacob MacKay on cello. The trio will perform holiday favorites at this one-hour concert, which is free to the public. The library is located at 7 Barstow Street. Reservations are appreciated but walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call 508-758-4171.

### Holiday Luncheon and Cookie Walk

Stop by the First Congregational Church of Marion Community Center on Saturday, **December 14**, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, for the 29th Annual Holiday Luncheon. Enjoy a delicious lunch stop while on the Sippican Woman's Club Holiday House Tour, or just come by for a welcome break from the holiday rush. You may even win a door prize!

The luncheon features our famous hot chicken salad, along with cranberry compote, assorted homemade breads, beverages, plus cheesecake with topping for dessert. The cost of the luncheon is \$10. Tickets will be available at the door.

Returning this year, a Cookie Walk will be held at the same time as the luncheon. Some of the best bakers of the church will be busy making holiday cookies. These cookies will be offered in beautifully decorated boxes and will make a perfect hostess gift or a special treat when company pops in! The cost for a dozen cookies is \$10.

The Holiday Luncheon and Cookie Walk will be held on the second floor of the First Congregational Church Community Center, 144 Front Street, Marion. This building, equipped with a stairlift, is located at the rear of the Marion General Store parking lot. Parking is available at the back right of the lot, plus there is additional parking at Island Wharf.

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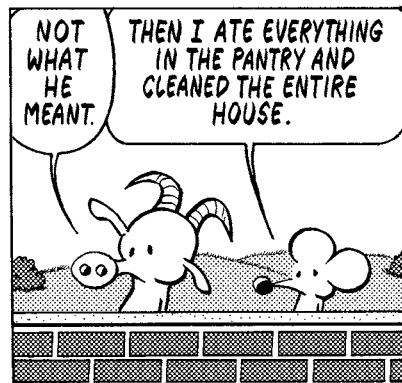
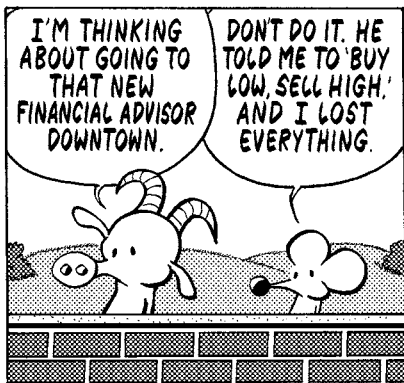


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Sale is subject to postponement and/or cancellation. <a href="http://www.StorageAuctionsUSA.com">www.StorageAuctionsUSA.com</a> Lic # 111. 11/28, 12/5</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room at the Mattapoisett Town Hall located at 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett-MA, for the application "The Village At Mattapoisett". Applicant is seeking approval from the Planning Board for removal of Condition #11 of the Special Permit referring to "Emergency Repair Work Fund" and for the return of funds held by the Town. The Village At Mattapoisett is located at 52 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA. Original plans for the project are on file at the office of the Town Clerk and office of the Planning Board and may be reviewed by any interested party during normal business hours. 11/28, 12/5</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS</b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications. New format of meetings; start time is 6:00 pm.</p> <p>Case #1441 Application of: NICHOLAS CHRISTY, 21 Meadowbrook Lane, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. RE: 20 Howard Beach. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under 3.1.2.2 and 3.1.2.3 as provided by Section 7.2.2 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to construct a single family home in conformance with FEMA.</p>	<p>The property is further described as, Plot 14, Lots 22,24 and 25 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, December 19, 2019</p> <p>Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours.</p> <p>Sincerely, Susan Akin, Chairperson Mary Anne Brogan, Norman Lyonnais, Kenneth Pacheco, Colby Rottler 12/5, 12/12</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1146</b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of TOM KENNEDY for property located on 177 Marion Road, identified on Assessor's Map 8, Lot 19B, who is seeking a Variance under Chapter 20.40, Section E.2. (7), (Formerly Section VIII.C.2. (6)), to construct an accessory structure (garage) located in the front yard area. The public hearing will be held on December 19, 2019 at 7:30 pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall at 1 Constitution Way.</p> <p>David Arancio, Chairman 12/5, 12/12</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT ANTASSAWAMOCK CLUB, INC PUBLIC NOTICE</b></p> <p>Antassawamock Club, Inc. will close it's private roads to public traffic on Wednesday, December 18, 2019.</p> <p>Board of Directors Antassawamock Club, Inc. Anne Bedser, Secretary 12/5, 12/12</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION &amp; TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm. in the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA regarding a Notice of Intent filed by STEEN REALTY &amp; DEVELOPMENT CORP., 3 Ledgebrook Boulevard, Dartmouth, MA 02747 for properties located at 22 Cranberry Highway, designated as Lots 41C and 50 on Rochester Assessors Map 17.</p> <p>The Notice of Intent application is for work located entirely within the 100 Foot Buffer</p>	<p>Zone to a wetland resource area located at 22 Cranberry Highway in Rochester. The scope of work includes associated grading and drainage outfall installation associated with the development of 208 residential units and commercial space within the Cranberry Highway Smart Growth Overlay District. A majority of the work will occur within previously altered/disturbed areas. Minor grading will occur within the Town of Rochester's 25-ft No Disturb Zone which is associated with the installation of the rip rap apron from the outlet pipe.</p> <p>The applicant's representative is Allen &amp; Major Associates, Inc., 10 Main Street, Lakeville, MA 02347. The property owner of record is Rochester Crossroads, LLC, 158 Tihonet Road, Wareham, MA 02571. This meeting is being held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law.</p> <p>Michael Conway, Chairman 12/5</p> <hr/> <p><b>IN THE INTERESTS OF LILLIAN M. JACOBS NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES HEARING DATE/TIME</b></p> <p>A hearing on a Petition to Resign as Guardian of a Minor or Petition for Removal of Guardian of a Minor filed by Jennifer Marie Jacobs on October 18, 2019 will be held 01/06/2020 at 9 am REVIEW HEARING at Brockton, 215 Main Street, Brockton, MA. 12/5</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 8:40 pm in the main conference room at the MARION TOWN HOUSE, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for Determination of Applicability (File No. 41D-1743) submitted by the TOWN OF MARION, to remove phragmites/oriental bittersweet and other undergrowth, add clean fill to level the area, remove trees approved by Conservation Commission and to re-seed the area at Silvershell Beach near the corner of Lewis Street and Front Street.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 96 on Assessors Map 16. 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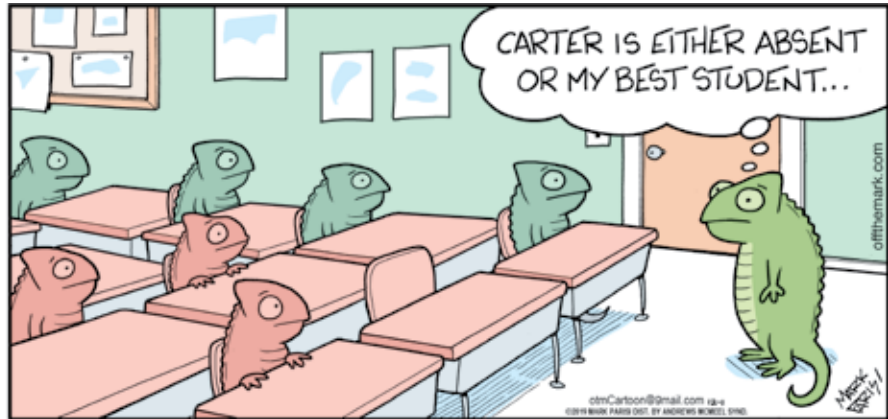
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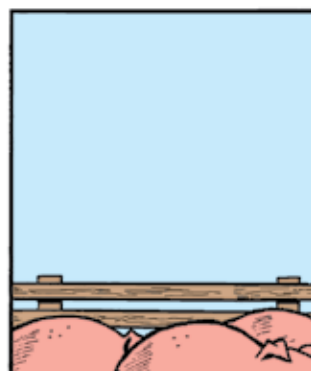
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Other activities include: Holiday Crafting on Wednesday afternoons at Center School; Author's Workshop and Finger Knitting on Tuesday afternoons; Center Stage Kids Drama on Wednesday afternoons; Yoga on Thursdays; and new this winter, Creative Clay on Mondays and Seahorse Bakers Championship on Thursdays. Please see the Mattapoisett Recreation website for program details. Online registration is now open: [www.mattrec.net](http://www.mattrec.net)

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The MAC will host several Children's Art Lab programs beginning in early 2020. "Art + Music" is scheduled on Wednesday mornings beginning **January 8**, from 10:00 to 11:00 am in the MAC Studio. This eight-session program is for children four and under (must be accompanied by an adult) and includes music, movement, and creative art exploration. The cost is \$125 for MAC members, \$145 for nonmembers, and there is a one-day drop-in option for \$20.

Another eight-week program, "Art in the Afternoon: Art is Magic", is scheduled on Friday afternoons beginning **January 17** from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. This program is geared toward children in grades 2-5 as a "weekly dose of art magic at the MAC" where children will explore potion-making, create spell books, practice drawing fantastic creatures, and more! Special arrangements can be made for students of Sippican Elementary who want to attend Art Lab at the MAC directly after school. Pricing for "Art in the Afternoon" is \$160 for MAC members and \$180 for nonmembers, with no drop-in option.

Art Lab at the MAC will also feature a one-day program, "Mini-Camp at the MAC: Teeny, Tiny Worlds". This course is offered on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, **January 20** from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm, for ages 5-10. On this school holiday, children will explore art making by creating from cardboard, tape, collage materials, and more. Structures such as teeny furniture, itty bitty clay food, people, and animals will be created to inhabit each child's teeny, tiny world! Mini-camp cost is \$50 for MAC members and \$60 for nonmembers.

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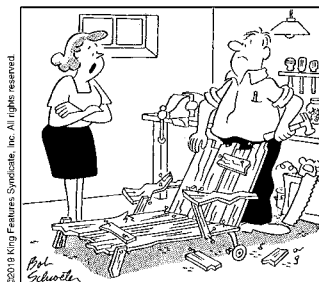
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This year's concert reaches all the way back to Ephrem of Syria in the 4th Century for some of its lyrics, said Chaplain. It also meanders through traditional French carols as interpreted by the classical composer Marc-Antoine Charpentier, and a modern Latin Mass by Francis Poulenc. Familiar favorites such as "Past Three a Clock" and "Carol of the Birds" will mix in with contemporary re-imaginings of English noels, and as always, the audience will be invited to sing along with some of the selections.

The first show will be on Friday, **December 6** at 8:00 pm in the north end of New Bedford, at the Saint Joseph and Saint Therese Parish, 51 Duncan St. The second performance will be Sunday, **December 8** at 4:00 pm in Wickenden Chapel, Tabor Academy Campus, 86 Spring St., Marion.

Tickets are \$15 adults, \$5 students. Kids six years old and younger can attend free.

Tickets are available at the Marion General Store, The Symphony Shop in Dartmouth, Keepers Klostet in Mattapoisett, and The Euro Shop in Fairhaven. All members of the chorus have tickets for sale as well.

For further information, visit the Sippican Choral Society website.

### Annual Christmas Fair

The Annual Christmas Fair at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 74 High Street, Wareham, MA will take place on Saturday, **December 7** from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be baked goods, children's gift room, crafts, gift baskets, jewelry, raffle, scarves, spice table, and used Christmas decorations. Come and get in the spirit of the holiday and help support the many outreach programs at Good Shepherd.

### Public Ice Skating at Tabor Academy

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Program dates include: 8, 15, 22, 29, January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23, and March 1.

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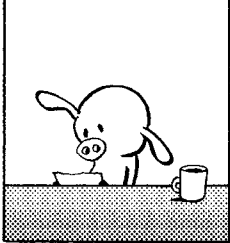
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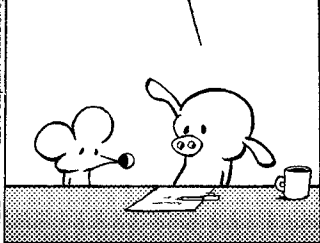
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donations to the bins in the Old Rochester High School and Junior High lobbies until **December 13**. All proceeds will go to Good Shepard's Food Pantry and every contribution matters! Thank you and Happy Holidays!

### The Occasion Singers

A beloved local group will be singing their swan song on Sunday **December 8** at 3:00 pm at Grace Episcopal Church in New Bedford. The Occasion Singers have been together for 10 years but are going their separate ways after this final farewell concert in December. The group started in 2009 when Cassandra (Sandy) Morgan was approached by a former chorus student Jackie Hinckley, asking her to put together a quartet to sing for her wedding. Sandy put Chris Saulnier, Rui Moniz, Melanie Hannack, and Ianthe Marini together (all former students that were still in the area) and wowed the guests with their amazing harmonies. The experience encouraged the small group to continue to rehearse and perform for weddings and funerals. Full-time jobs and busy schedules got in the way of being available for funerals, and weddings are not usually a repeat event, so Sandy started to look for venues to put on a more traditional concert. Alternate singers were added to the group to be able to fill a voice part in case of sickness. Regular concerts were scheduled at venues such as the Marion Arts Center, Grace Episcopal Church, and the First Congregational Church in Marion. Since it took so much preparation and work to create a performance, the group wanted to perform the same show at different venues. They branched out to the Yacht Club in Plymouth, the Masons Lodge in Marion, and Whalers Cove Assisted Living in New Bedford and added up to twelve singers allowing three quartets to rotate between performances.

The Occasion Singers put on free shows for Rock for Sight, Relay for Life, the Lakeside Festival, and Tree Lighting Ceremonies, as well as fundraising events for Grace Church NB, the First Congregational Church (in New Bedford, Marion, and Wareham), and St. Julie Billiart in Dartmouth. These events helped raise funds for youth programs, mission trips, or renovations.

The December 8 program will open with the Grace Church Youth Choir singing three holiday selections. The Occasion Singers will then intermix current singers and former singers performing solos/duets as well as combined numbers. Admission to this concert is free. There will be a freewill collection during the program that will go to the youth program at Grace Church.

### RMS PTO Holiday Craft Fair

The RMS PTO presents the First Annual Holiday Craft Fair, **December 7**, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Rochester Memorial School.

Finish your holiday shopping while supporting local, small businesses and the RMS PTO. Admission is \$2; kids' admission is free. The proceeds from this event

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will benefit the RMS PTO Family Fun Series.

There will be vendors, a raffle, snacks, and more. Bring a new, unwrapped toy or a non-perishable food item to help the Rochester Police Department fill a cruiser for local families in need.

### White Cedar Preserve

White Cedar Preserve was acquired in partnership with the Buzzards Bay Coalition and the Town of Rochester Conservation Commission and was made possible by funding from the Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program, the State of Massachusetts Conservation Partnership Program, and the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. It is located at the intersection of Walnut Plain Road and Estabrook Way. (For those using GPS, enter "1 Estabrook Way".)

The 83-acre parcel is very diverse, varied terrain: upland to wetland, and home to a white cedar bog. You can walk the trail in either direction from field to wooded pathways, heading toward a large bog of white cedar. The trail winds through white pine and deciduous trees, including swamp birch, black tupelo, and red maple. There is a break in the trail due to swampy conditions. However, on drier days you may reach the often muddy, but beautiful terrain of the cedar swamp stands. (Walking time is 15-30 minutes.) Watch for the endangered Hessel's Hairstreak butterfly, whose larvae feed exclusively on Atlantic White Cedar. You may find leatherleaf, waterwillow, sheep laurel, cranberry, sundew, purple pitcher, sedge, hemlock, beech, as well as holly. Be on the lookout for deer as well, as deer trails wind through the parcel.

### Marion Establishes Emergency Fund for Veterans

Marion Veterans Agent Barry Denham is pleased to announce that an emergency fund has been established to further assist veterans and their spouses in times of need.

The creation of the fund was approved by the Marion Board of Selectmen on October 15.

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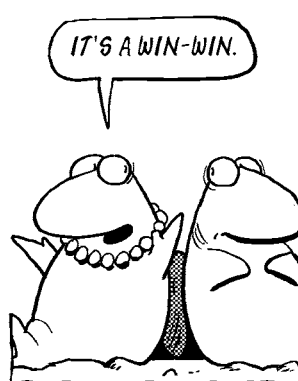
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"Sometimes there are tools that we do not have in our toolbox to assist a veteran or their families," Denham said. "We wanted to establish this fund in order to provide a lifeline to help when resources are not available through other means."

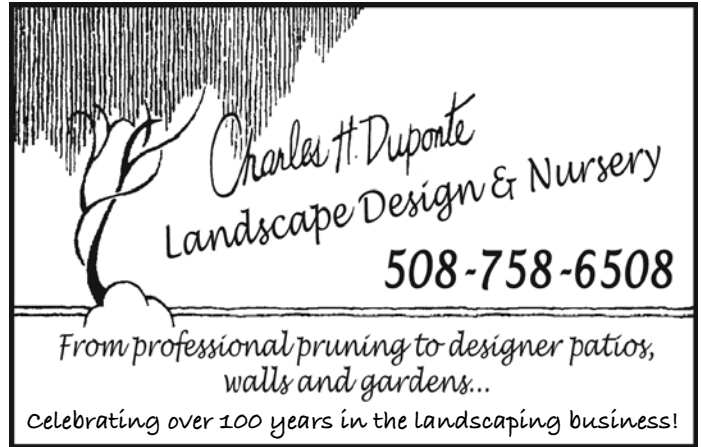
Any Marion resident who meets the state's eligibility requirements to be considered a veteran is eligible to request to receive funds. A veteran's widow or widower may also request funds. Proof of residency must be provided.

The veteran's fund will be funded solely by donations. Those who would like to donate to the fund can send a check written out to the "Town of Marion" with "Veteran" in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to the Council on Aging office at 465 Mill St., Marion, MA 02738.

Anyone with further questions can contact the Marion Veterans Services Office at 508-758-4100, Ext. 7.

### Drop n Shop

Need some time alone to get some shopping and errands done? Want to have date night with your significant other without the kids? Marion Recreation will host "Drop and Shop" days! Led by trained First Aid/CPR Summer Program Counselors, these three-hour drop-in events will include games, crafts, movies, along with pizza and drinks. Drop-in events will take place on the following Saturday evenings: **December 21, January 18, February 15, March 21, April 18, May 16** from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Cost per participant \$30, for kindergarten through sixth grade only. The event is limited to 12 participants. Must register online five days prior to session. Register at: [Marionma.gov/recreation](http://Marionma.gov/recreation). Location Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center, 465 Mill Street Marion.



### Mattapoisett Museum Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair

Avoid mall parking lots! Don't get stuck in holiday traffic! Instead, join the Mattapoisett Museum for our annual Holiday Arts and Craft Fair at 5 Church Street, Mattapoisett on Saturday, **December 7** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Shop for unique holiday gifts among local, one-of-a-kind items. There will be a large selection of handmade creations available: art, notecards, candles, bath bombs, woolens, photography, jewelry, ceramics, leather goods, ornaments and more. For more information call 508-758-2844 or email [director@mattapoisettmuseum.org](mailto:director@mattapoisettmuseum.org).

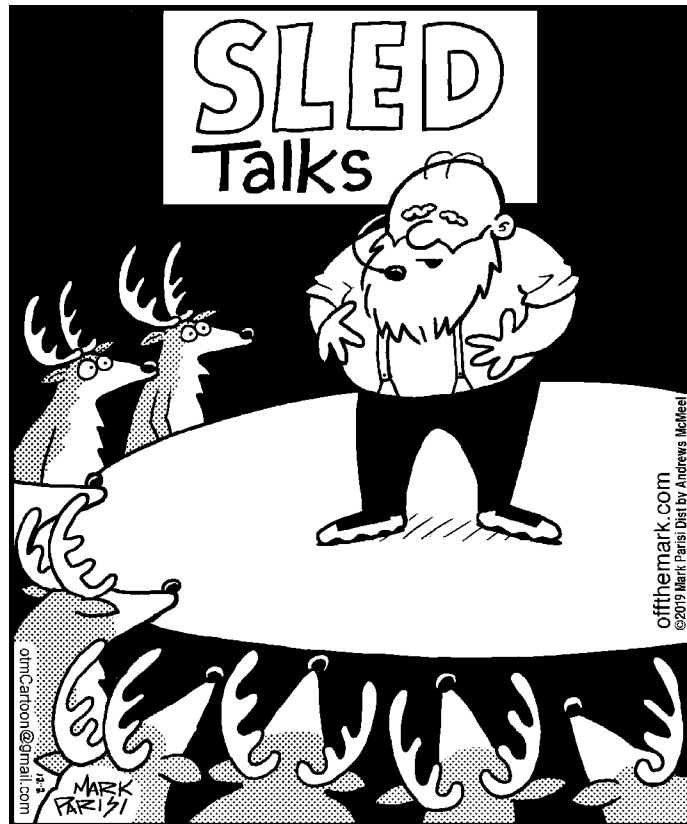
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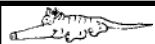
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## SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Silence; 2. Measure;
3. Crimson; 4. Margin

Today's Word  
**SUMMER**

Sudoku Answer

2	7	9	1	4	5	3	6	8
1	8	3	6	2	9	4	5	7
5	4	6	7	3	8	1	9	2
9	1	2	8	7	6	5	3	4
3	6	7	4	5	1	2	8	9
4	5	8	2	9	3	7	1	6
7	9	1	5	6	4	8	2	3
8	3	4	9	1	2	6	7	5
6	2	5	3	8	7	9	4	1

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 lb.



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**EverRoast Chicken** ..... **\$7<sup>99</sup>**  
 lb.  
**Boar's Head**  
**Imported**  
**Swiss Cheese** ..... **\$8<sup>99</sup>**  
 lb.  
**Boar's Head**  
 8 oz. Pkg.  
**Pepper Jack Cheese** ..... **\$3<sup>99</sup>**

**Shady Brook**  
**Farms**  
 16 oz. Pkg. 93% Lean  
**Ground  
 Turkey**  
**\$4<sup>49</sup>**



## Grocery & Bakery

12-16 oz. Selected  
**Newman's Own**  
**Dressing** ..... **\$3<sup>79</sup>**



14 oz. Selected  
**Stauffer's**  
**Sops.** ..... **2/\$5**



24 oz. Selected  
**Aunt Jemima**  
**Syrup** ..... **\$3<sup>69</sup>**



15-24 oz. Selected  
 (Excludes Organics)  
**Newman's Own**  
**Pasta Sauce** ..... **\$2<sup>69</sup>**



15.9-16.6 oz. Selected  
**Kellogg's**  
**Raisin Bran**  
**Cereal** ..... **\$3<sup>29</sup>**



9.6 oz. Selected  
**Newman's Own**  
**Microwave**  
**Popcorn** ..... **2/\$5**



16 oz. Selected  
**Newman's Own**  
**Salsa** ..... **\$2<sup>79</sup>**



6-20 oz. Selected Party Size  
**Frito Lay**  
**Snacks** ..... **\$3<sup>99</sup>**



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 15 oz. 12 Pack Selected  
**Cookies** ..... **\$4<sup>49</sup>**



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 22 oz. 8 Inch  
**Apple Pie** ..... **\$4<sup>99</sup>**



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 California Wine  
 Merlot  
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750 ml, French Wines, Chardonnay  
**Jadot Macon Villages** ..... **\$14<sup>99</sup>**

750 ml, Italian Wines, Prosecco  
**Riondo** ..... **\$14<sup>99</sup>**

750 ml, Italian Wines, Red  
**Gabbiano Dark Knight** ..... **\$7<sup>99</sup>**

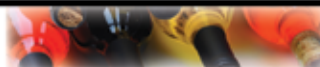
12 oz. Cans  
 18 Pack  
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**Roast  
Beef**  
**\$999**  
lb.



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5.3 oz. Selected  
**Greek  
Yogurt**  
**5/\$5**



Ben & Jerry's  
16 oz. Selected  
Frozen Yogurt or  
**Ice Cream**  
**\$479**



Lord Hobo  
Brewing  
12 oz. Cans  
Freebird Golden Ale  
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Rosé  
**La Vieille  
Ferme**  
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